

NANDA International

Current developments and future challenges in the development and use of Nursing Diagnosis

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Objectives:

1. An overview of NANDA International's recent history and developments
2. An overview of the changes at NANDA International
3. An overview of the global interest in the use of NANDA International diagnoses in clinical practice, education and in the electronic health record
4. How to get involved with NANDA International
5. Questions and answers



An overview of our recent history and developments:

Having been legally inaugurated in St. Louis, MO, USA in 1982 as the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association it was decided to change the name of the organization to NANDA International in 2002. This change reflects a growing international interest in Nursing Diagnosis and the fact that the organization now has more members outside of the USA than within the USA.

For the first time, the organization's Board started to comprise Directors from outside the USA in 2002 and then the organization started to produce recruitment materials and other information in its' top user languages: Japanese, French, Spanish, Portuguese and German.

NANDA International is a not-for-profit, member-led organization. The President and Board are elected by the members, as are all of the Committee Chairs. All are volunteers.



Recent developments in response to the requests and suggestions of our members include:

1. The development of Regional Groups in South America
2. The development of a new website with easier online payment options and more access to members only areas
3. An updated and improved Journal, now published by Wiley-Blackwell
4. The NANDA International classification now published in 17 languages but under one brand and style. The book publishing arrangements are now handled by Wiley-Blackwell and books will be available on Amazon and other websites - not just from NANDA International
5. A more modern online management of the organization's accounts and business functions
6. The development of re-branded materials for recruitment and publicity
7. The development of partnerships: with AENTDE, ACENDIO, JSND and ICNP
8. A conference that is focused on Nursing Diagnosis and where NANDA International members can engage in discussion about diagnostic issues and development (There will also be a NIC / NOC track)
9. Encouraging more non-USA based members to stand for Board and Committee Chair election
10. Ensuring must tighter controls on licensing NANDA International materials, especially electronic use of the classification. NANDA has been the victim of major copyright theft internationally.



Summary of developments:

1. Protect the future of NANDA International by ensuring the financial health of the organization
2. Continue internationalization
3. Continue to be responsive to members, recognizing that compromises sometimes have to be made
4. Continue to develop more Nursing Diagnoses
5. Encourage the use of the work everywhere, in practice, education, leadership and in electronic patient records



Global use of NANDA International's work:

1. The use of NANDA's work is very different worldwide - from different hospitals and universities even down to individual practitioners
2. The work is a key part of the international reference terminology SNOMED CT. This was originally a joint project between the American Society of Pathologists and the British National Health Service. Recently, several other countries have joined the collaboration. NANDA International is included under license.
3. Major interest in NANDA-I's work can be found in Japan and South America. There will be a Chinese translation in 2009.
4. It is important to the NANDA International Board that translations are of good quality and are user friendly for practitioners. Our challenge is to ensure good quality translations in single languages that are used in different countries (for example, French is used in France and in Canada). The Board is aware of a number of translation issues and is keen to work with members and Wiley-Blackwell to resolve these issues.



Translation

Various new procedures have been introduced to ensure better quality translation with Wiley-Blackwell. These include:

1. Ensuring that the translators are both nursing and linguistic experts
2. Ensuring that NANDA International's appointed experts review the final copy and cover
3. Ensuring that sufficient time is allowed before publishing for changes to be made
4. Ensuring open dialogue between the Board and users. However, the Board reserves the right to make decisions on behalf of the membership and indeed to withdraw license approval if significant numbers of complaints are made about particular translations
5. The Board and Wiley-Blackwell may consider publishing different translations in the same language for use in different countries - for example, a British English AND American English version.



Electronic patient records

NANDA International is working hard to ensure that the work of the organization is suitable for use in electronic patient records.

Indeed, it can be argued that nurse care planning and assessment systems can only function effectively when used with standardized nursing languages.

There are key challenges in ensuring that expert nurses are involved in the design, purchase and implementation of systems and that such systems strike a balance between being grounded in nursing practice whilst seeking to improve care and documentation. Sadly, some systems simply replicate poor paper documentation and do not allow for evidence-based nursing to be promoted or for decisional support to improve diagnostic accuracy. This is a missed opportunity for patients and nurses.



Defining the knowledge of nursing.....why bother?

The focus of NANDA International's work is to define the knowledge of nursing and then to communicate that knowledge for use in practice, education, leadership, research. Use in electronic systems bring together each of these areas.

More than ever before we need to promote the value of professional nursing. Our work comes together with work in patient safety, staffing numbers, clinical risk management, medico-legal issues and communication



Improving the quality of patient care and enhancing communication

The key to NANDA International's work is focusing on our core values of the importance of working together internationally to improve the quality of patient care and enhance communication.

Many nursing concepts transcend national and language boundaries; some do not. It is important to distinguish those that are culturally specific and those that are not. The diagnoses 'Religiosity' may be thought to be one such diagnosis.

The importance of a global language for nursing cannot be underestimated. In the UK, there are often fears about Americanization.



Transcultural challenges

In many countries and especially in big cities the culture is that of a melting pot, so consequently it is important that NANDA International's work reflects the fact that many people retain their home culture even though they are established in another country and maybe the recipient of health care in that country.

In some way the needs of a Japanese patient in London or the Spanish patient in Switzerland must be taken into account



How to get involved with NANDA International

1. Join! www.nanda.org
2. Attend our conferences: Miami, 2008; Madrid, 2010
3. Get onto a committee, such as Informatics, Diagnosis Development, Education or Research
4. Develop a diagnosis
5. Write for the Journal
6. We warmly welcome your input

NANDA International reflects the needs and interests of our members.

If there is something that bothers you about NANDA International, it probably bothers lots of other people too - so please join us, engage, participate and help us to move the organization forward. You might even end up as President!



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Questions, answers and
discussion

