

	Nursing Information Systems and national policy: the case of the Nursing Minimum Data Set in Portugal	António Manuel Élvio de Jesus	António Manuel
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<p>The Ordem dos Enfermeiros being aware of the importance that information systems that produce reliable indicators have to the profession and policy making, and knowing that even though nurses are the largest group of health professionals and those who produce the larger amount of clinical information, nursing visibility in healthcare statistics and official health reports remains incipient, decided to intervene strategically in this area.</p> <p>From our most recent strategic intervention in the area of Nursing Information Systems we highlight the definition of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Basic Architectural Principles and Main Technical-Functional Requirements of NIS, April 2006 - a Process of Certification of Software for nursing care documentation in NIS - a Nursing Minimum Data Set (NMDS) and Core Indicators for the Central Depository of Health Data, October 2007 (which will be presented with detail). <p>Since then a number of other initiatives and negotiations have been developed with the Ministry of Health, Software Companies and ICN, and shortly we expect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participate in the process of definition of principles to acquire clinical documentation software for the National Health Service; - elaboration of a memo of understanding regarding the participation in the certification process of clinical documentation software for the National Health Service - obtain data from the shared information resulting from the NMDS - define criteria and create a consulting group of expert nurses in NIS - a group of nurses to monitor the national activity on NIS - publish, with ICN, the above mentioned documents - participate in the cross mapping of ICNP and the Portuguese Patient Classification System based on nursing care dependency level. 			
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