



The TIGER Initiative - How to get involved!

In 2007, ANI became the enabling organization for the TIGER Initiative

- The TIGER initiative seeks to better prepare practicing nurses and nursing students to use technology and informatics to improve the delivery of patient care
- Phase I of the TIGER Initiative engaged stakeholders to create a common vision of electronic health record-enabled nursing practice
- Phase II of the TIGER Initiative will facilitate collaboration among participating organizations to achieve the vision

The TIGER Initiative is steam-rolling ahead and Phase II has been launched! Come volunteer for a collaborative!!! Listed below are the nine collaboratives, with contact email and wiki link. What the heck is a wiki? It's our online workstation where you can find meeting dates, current projects, presentations, meet the collaborative leaders and so much more!

1. Fully Engage in the Health Information Technology (HIT) Standards and Interoperability Development

Health Information Technology standards and interoperability initiatives have taken on increasing importance and urgency as we work towards converting our nation to an electronic health record (EHR). With the TIGER Initiative, we have the opportunity to ensure that standards represent all of healthcare, specifically nursing.

Contact: standards@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigerstandards.pbwiki.com/>

2. Fully Engage in the National Healthcare IT Agenda

A National Healthcare IT agenda was established in 2004 with the Office of the National Coordinator. The TIGER Initiative is in a position to bring a strong and unified voice for nursing to this agenda, maintaining close contact to the policy makers that are establishing and refining this agenda.

Contact: HITAgenda@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigerhitagenda.pbwiki.com/>

3. Comprehensive Informatics Competencies for All Areas of Nursing

Excellent efforts have been made in circumscribed areas within nursing to develop informatics competencies for nurses. Work remains on harmonizing existing competencies and setting competencies for areas of nursing where competencies do not yet exist.

Contact: Competencies@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigercompetencies.pbwiki.com/>

4. Educational Curriculum, Faculty and Program Development

The TIGER Initiative vision includes using the most effective information technology at every stage of a nurse's professional development, and using the informatics competencies, theories, research and practice examples throughout nursing curriculums.

Contact: Education@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigereducation.pbwiki.com/>



5. Innovative and Effective Staff Development/Continuing Education Programs

Establish educational resources and affordable programs within the practice setting that foster IT innovation and adoption, and are based upon the informatics competencies.

Contact: Staffdev@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigerstaffdev.pbwiki.com/>

6. Improve Usability of Clinical Applications

Although an increasing number of nurses and nursing informatics specialists work in companies that develop, sell, implement and maintain information systems, there are many opportunities for improvement and involvement by nurses in the systems development process.

Contact: Usability@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigerusability.pbwiki.com/>

7. Create a Virtual Demonstration Gallery/Center

Demonstrate the breadth and depth of IT resources in use by nurses to enhance their practice and educational environments by using examples from different practice settings including best practices, results of research, case studies and lessons learned by partnering with nursing professional organizations.

Contact: Virtualdemo@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigervirtualdemo.pbwiki.com/>

8. Engage and Support Nursing Leadership

Develop programs for nurse executives that stress the value of information technology and empower them to use IT knowledgeably, giving the leaders of the profession a strong and identifiable voice. Also facilitate nursing leadership to understand, promote, own, and measure the success of IT projects.

Contact: Leadership@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigerleadership.pbwiki.com/>

9. Engage and Support Healthcare Consumers

Consumers are becoming empowered as healthcare participants. Informatics can mediate consumers drive for improved health and healthcare as well as broker the relationship between nurse and client. This program will work with Personal Health Record (PHR) advocates and developers to optimize PHRs as they relate to nursing.

Contact: PHR@tigersummit.com Wiki link: <http://tigerphr.pbwiki.com/>