The future of nursing: Leading change, advancing health

With more than three million members, the nursing profession is the largest segment of the nation's health care workforce. Working on the front lines of patient care, nurses can play a vital role in helping realize the objectives set forth in the 2010 Affordable Care Act, legislation that represents the broadest health care overhaul since the 1965 creation of the Medicare and Medicaid programs. A number of barriers prevent nurses from being able to respond effectively to rapidly changing health care settings and an evolving health care system. These barriers need to be overcome to ensure... [+] Show more

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Yet The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health report, released by the Institute of Medicine (iOM) in 2010, recommends that the number of BSN-prepared nurses should increase to 80% by 2020. The report states that education increases competencies in leadership, evidence-based practice, health policy, collaboration, systems thinking, and potentially improved patient outcomes. So how far have we come toward reaching the goal set in 2010? The BSN recommendation is just one of several recommendations in the action-oriented Future of Nursing reports, which provide nurses with blueprints to drive their futures. This is significant because with more than 3 million in our profession, we make up the largest portion of the healthcare workforce with the greatest potential impact. Presentation on theme: "Future of Nursing Leading Change, Advancing Health"— Presentation transcript: 1 Future of Nursing Leading Change, Advancing Health Title of Slide has a box to insert the appropriate audience. 2 3.2 million 100,000 30,000 This is used to hook the audience. There are 3.2 million nurses in the US. 11 IOM Future of Nursing Committee on The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing Membership Opportunity to transform health care system Provide seamless, affordable, quality care Nursing profession is the largest segment of the health care workforce How did it all get started. The future of nursing is dependent on changes in care delivery, technological advances and increased patient expectations. Learn more! There is a real push for quality, and hospitals are reporting improved patient outcomes when “change is led by nurses on the frontline vs. a top-down approach,” one expert told NurseZone. Technology. Advancements in healthcare technology move at a rapid pace, so nurses have to stay sharp to keep up. Innovations like remote monitoring devices and high-tech patient simulators are becoming common in hospitals, as are electronic health record systems. Since each facility has different types and levels of technology, it's important for nurses to be adaptable when it comes to learning new systems an