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## Promoting utilization of the clinical nurse leader

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In 2001, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) highlighted a growing complexity for individuals receiving care in the United States healthcare system. Policy, legislation, system changes, and various initiatives targeted to address this complexity have fallen short in improving the ease in which patients navigate the care they receive. Nursing has been, and will continue to be, an instrumental leader in adopting change within healthcare. A nursing role with a demonstrated ability to improve the delivery of patient care is the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL). As a skilled, master's-prepared nurse who works directly at the patient bedside, the CNL possesses the required skills to influence the quality, safety, and delivery of healthcare while markedly reducing its complexity and fragmentation. The purpose of this project was to deliver consultative services to health care institutions in the State of Vermont explaining the role of the CNL and how they can be effectively implemented into current healthcare organizational systems. The desired outcome of providing an understanding of the role was to gain interest by these organizations to recruit and implement CNLs into pre-existing models of practice. Qualified and interested Registered Nurses within these targeted organizations were encouraged to pursue the CNL role by enrolling in the Graduate Nurse CNL program at the University of Vermont. The ultimate aim of the project was to improve the quality of care provided to patients receiving care in various organizations throughout the State of Vermont.

## Biography

Jason Garbarino completed his DNP from the University of Vermont at the age of 30. Jason has been a Registered Nurse since 2008. Jason joined the University of Vermont as full-time faculty in 2013 and is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor. Jason teaches Gerontological Nursing and Medical-Surgical Nursing and enjoys working with students in the hospital setting. Jason holds certifications as a Clinical Nurse Leader, Gerontological Nursing, and holds his National Firefighter I Certification. Jason enjoys traveling to explore health care systems outside of the United States including travels to Bangladesh, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. Jason serves as an American Nurses Credentialing Center Gerontology Content Expert.

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