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Emerging prospects: Nurse as an entrepreneur

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Introduction: Entrepreneur is a person who organizes and operates a business and takes a financial risk in doing so. According to the International Council of Nurses (ICN, 2004), nursing entrepreneurship reflects a return to nursing's traditional right to independent practice while engendering professional empowerment and health care transformation.

Aim: The aim of the literature review is to highlight need for emerging entrepreneurship in nursing and identify different prospects of nurses as an entrepreneur in a society.

Method: Literature review was done date from 2005-2015. Articles written by western and eastern authors reflecting their entrepreneurship experiences are included.

Findings: Review shows that most nurses employed in a health care system are not exposed to nurse entrepreneurs. When this is the case, clinical nursing often seems to be the only option available to a nurse. However, there are many, many roles outside of the traditional practice setting available to the nurse who desires to be an entrepreneur. Literature analysis reveals that entrepreneurship as an opportunity for the advancement of professional nursing practice while meeting the needs of clients that otherwise risk falling into gaps present within the current health system. Examples of nurse entrepreneurs are legal nurse consultants, case managers, forensic nurses, mock surveyors for joint commission, medical auditors, life support trainers and many more.

Conclusion: Nursing entrepreneurship presents as an incredible approach for nursing practice that serves to re-establish professional autonomy, advance nursing professionalism, and to participate in health system transformation.

Biography

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