

ABSTRACT: Medical information disproportionately affects immigrant communities, contributing to health disparities and mistrust in the healthcare system. Nurses, as frontline healthcare providers, play a crucial role in combating misinformation by providing culturally competent education and resources. The following resolution calls for increased educational initiatives, collaboration with health organizations, and policy advocacy to empower nurses in addressing misinformation effectively within immigrant communities.

TOPIC: IN SUPPORT OF RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE NURSING ROLE IN COMBATING THE RISE OF MEDICAL MISINFORMATION IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.

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WHEREAS, the prevention of medical misinformation requires nurses to utilize trust-building strategies such as transparency, recognition, and establishing a positive presence. (Woods, 2010); and

WHEREAS, immigrant populations often rely on informal sources of health information, such as social media and community networks, which may disseminate inaccurate or misleading medical advice. (Kate, 2019); and

WHEREAS, language barriers in healthcare settings often needed the use of interpreters; however, studies indicate that interpreters sometimes leave out or alter information based on their own biases or cultural perceptions, which can lead to misunderstandings and miscommunication between healthcare providers and immigrant patients. (Flores, 2020); and

WHEREAS, nurses may remain unaware of such problems in communication, which limits their ability to provide holistic, and culturally competent care. (Cruz et al., 2021); and

WHEREAS, when individuals encounter unfamiliar or emotionally unsettling situations that bring about uncertainty and anxiety, they seek to understand, predict, and manage these circumstances. This collective effort to make sense of and address uncertainty often gives rise to misinformation and conspiracy theories. (Joseph, 2023); and

WHEREAS, nursing professionals should focus on clear communication, build trust through education based on evidence, and combat misinformation by helping patients make informed decisions while ensuring treatments align with scientific standards. (Joseph, 2023); and

WHEREAS, the integration of AI and ML technologies holds immense promise for transforming healthcare delivery, improving patient outcomes, and advancing medical research. However, this transformative potential is accompanied by myriad ethical considerations that require careful consideration and proactive mitigation strategies (Mitul,2024); and

- WHEREAS, social justice, or the belief that economic and social inequality affects health and should be addressed, is a concept at the core of nursing. There is a long tradition of nurses acting as advocates for vulnerable people within healthcare settings (Egenes, 2009); therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage nurses utilize their trusted status to promote evidence-based practices, correct the miscommunication, advocate for the patient's well-being, and provide a safe and sincere environment; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA collaborate with national and local health organizations to develop culturally tailored informational campaigns that equip nurses with evidence based resources to combat misinformation; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA support the implementation of interpreter training programs that emphasize the importance of full and accurate translation to ensure effective patient-provider communication; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage nursing schools to include training on working effectively with medical interpreters to enhance culturally sensitive and comprehensive patient care: and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA encourage professionals actively educate patients on fact-checking, share accurate health information through accessible channels, and advocate for creating a healthy information environment to counter misinformation; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the NSNA prioritize clear communication, foster trust through evidence-based education, and address misinformation by empowering patients to make informed healthcare decisions while ensuring that treatments are rooted in scientific evidence; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA upholds the principles of beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy, and justice; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the NSNA send a copy of this resolution to the American Heart Association, American Nursing Association, National League for Nursing, American Association of Critical Care Nurses, and all others deemed appropriate by the NSNA Board of Directors.

Estimated Cost Breakdown for Combating Medical Misinformation in Immigrant Communities

Category	Estimated Cost (USD)
Educational Initiatives for Nurses	
Development of training materials	\$10,000 - \$20,000
Hosting workshops & seminars	\$5,000 - \$15,000
Online course development	\$8,000 - \$12,000
Interpreter Training Programs	
Training curriculum development	\$15,000 - \$25,000
Hiring certified trainers	\$20,000 - \$50,000
Certification & accreditation fees	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Patient Education Strategies	
Developing multilingual resources	\$8,000 - \$15,000
Public awareness sessions	\$5,000 - \$10,000
Total Estimated Budget Range: \$111,000 - \$254,000	

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