Week 2 Assignment: Nursing Informatics Pioneers

One of the major drivers in recent health care reform legislation is the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act's (ARRA) HiTech Incentive. This act, passed in 2009, earmarked $22 billion for the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs), with a goal of 100% adoption in all practice settings by the year 2014. The HiTech Act provides an example of the pivotal role that health information technology plays in the delivery of quality health care services. Yet, health information technology is a relatively new field. This Application Assignment provides an opportunity for you to examine the contributions of pioneers in this arena and consider how their contributions have influenced health informatics and nursing practice today.

**To prepare:**

* Visit the AMIA Video Library 1: Nursing Informatics Pioneers webpage listed in the Learning Resources.
* Review the biographies and video presentations of pioneers who are of interest to you, or may hold a position that you aspire to achieve.
* Select two nursing informatics pioneers and conduct further research on their contributions.
* Consider how their contributions have influenced health information technology and nursing practice today.

**Write a scholarly 3- to 4-page paper Comparing Two nursing informatics pioneers. Synthesize your thoughts using the bullets below:**

1. What are the professional accomplishments of each individual?
2. How have their contributions influenced nursing practice?
3. How have their contributions shaped the field of nursing informatics?
4. What lessons can you take away from their experiences?
5. What skills or ideas demonstrated by these leaders might you apply to your professional practice?

**Expectations**

1. All paper assignment must be written in APA format (click here for sample APA paper**:**[**Sample APA Paper.pdf**](https://herzing.blackboard.com/bbcswebdav/pid-1052823-dt-announcement-rid-14331573_1/xid-14331573_1)). Which means, you must have a cover/Title page (no abstract please), running head, title on the first page, introduction in the first page, at least level-one headings (use headings for each main criteria described for the paper), summary/conclusion paragraph, and a reference page. refer to this library resources and this website for reliable APA sources: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/1/>
2. When you are writing your paper, remember your paper assignments are formal/professional/scholarly paper. So, you should **NOT** use the first-person language (or use minimally when appropriate if the assignment is asking for your opinion or reflection paper). Please do not use I, I am, me, my, mine, we, us, him, our, etc..., instead, use a third-person or, for example, you can say "the organization", "the nurses", "the unit manager", etc...

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