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Magnet Components	Librarian's Response
Transformational Leadership	<p>Decentralized decision making means that every nurse in the LVHN network needs access to current clinical and evidence-based literature as the basis for sound decisions. The Digital Library website provides a centralized access point to availability of databases and content. We provide consistent resources that support standards of care, improve quality of care, and aid in decision making.</p> <p>LVHN Library Services supports all administrative and leadership nursing functions via current awareness services to literature on nursing management and leadership topics.</p>
Structural Empowerment	<p>Library Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LVHN Digital Library provides access to all levels of nursing to ebooks on nursing care planning, to professional bibliographic databases for literature on care models, and care planning for specific conditions via bibliographic databases and ejournal content. This information allows all nurses to make well-informed decisions. 2. Provides access to the latest references on clinical skills and competencies recognized by nursing authorities. 3. Incorporates the Iowa Model of Evidence Based Practice into education programs and presentations. 4. Provides quick links to new reports on standards and guidelines via its website. 5. Provides links to ebooks on nursing ethics and quality improvement. 6. Provides institution- wide access and training to point of care resources such as Nursing Consult, DynaMed, Cochrane Library, MdConsult, and PEPID. 7. Collaborates with Health Studies, Center for Professional Excellence, Health Research, NORI, Clinical Research Council, and Clinical Decision Support Committee to educate staff in the principles of evidence based practice and literature evaluation. 8. Works with project teams to find appropriate clinical and research literature. 9. Provides access to curriculum on Evidence Based Practice and InfoMastery. 10. Assists in institution-wide initiatives for creation and revision of clinical practice guidelines. 11. Provides instruction on search strategies for databases of clinical practice guidelines and standards such as the National Guideline Clearinghouse.

<p>Exemplary Professional Practice</p>	<p>Library Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the latest clinical information, which can be accessed throughout the network, to support nurses who implement models of care, standardize care, and care planning. 2. Offers services and tools to help promote collaboration such as journal clubs, subject guides, and reading lists. 3. Aids in the evaluation and selection of appropriate consumer health resources and offers approved resources via the library website. <p>Librarians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Offer education and orientations to increase knowledge of a variety of information resources. 2. Participate in consultations for other institutions seeking Magnet Recognition. 3. Offers classes on literature searching for evidence based information using general databases such as CINAHL and Medline as well as specific resources such as the Cochrane Library, DynaMed, AHRQ Evidence Reports, PEPID, and National Guidelines Clearinghouse. Librarians also educate nurses on locating various nursing requirements, guidelines, and standards. 4. Offers work sessions for project teams with library staff support. 5. Mentors nurses in searching for literature, creating an answerable clinical question, and focusing research using PICO principles. 6. Assists nurses in literature retrieval by reviewing search strategies.
<p>New Knowledge, Innovation, and Improvements</p>	<p>Library Services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital Library resources are accessible through the electronic medical record. 2. Recognizing the demands on nursing staff time, Library Services through its Digital Library website strives to provide desktop delivery of information whenever possible. The library also provides remote off-site and point of care access at the bedside to the library resources to help improve quality of care and patient safety. <p>Librarians:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Act as consultants to clinical and research project teams. 2. Select, evaluate and provide access to evidence based resources. 3. Create subject specific guides to aid in rapid identification of pertinent Digital Library and internet resources. 4. Guide nurses taking continuing education classes in focusing research questions.
<p>Empirical Quality</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist in obtaining needed literature for QI, EBP and research projects. 2. Library staff support and promote the ideals of Magnet Recognition through stressing the importance of nursing research in library education programs. 3. Collaborates with the Clinical Research Council to teach the principles of evidence based practice. 4. Interdisciplinary research projects with librarian participation are underway to support context-specific presentation of evidence-based content and clinical decision support tools at the point of care via seamless integration with the electronic health record. 5. Library Services supports nurses in their patient teaching roles by assisting in provision of patient education materials.

Poster Session:

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