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The Role of Social Media in Catalyzing Collaborations

Exploring the Global Influence of #Nursing

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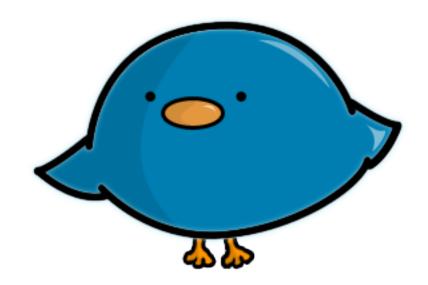
- To review the frequency of nursing dialogue on twitter over a specific time period using a set of established #hashtags.
- Compare and contrast the frequency, influence, and reach of generic #nursing tweets as opposed to targeted campaigns.
- Create a set of recommendations for improving professional nursing voice and representation on Twitter.



NURSING ON TWITTER

Nursing voice is being amplified on social media. However, a lack of consensus on principles to direct these efforts contributes to persistent challenges with diluted or unfocused messaging.

So how can we address this to truly advance #GlobalNursingExcellence?





OUR APPROACH: DATA COLLECTION & PROCESSING











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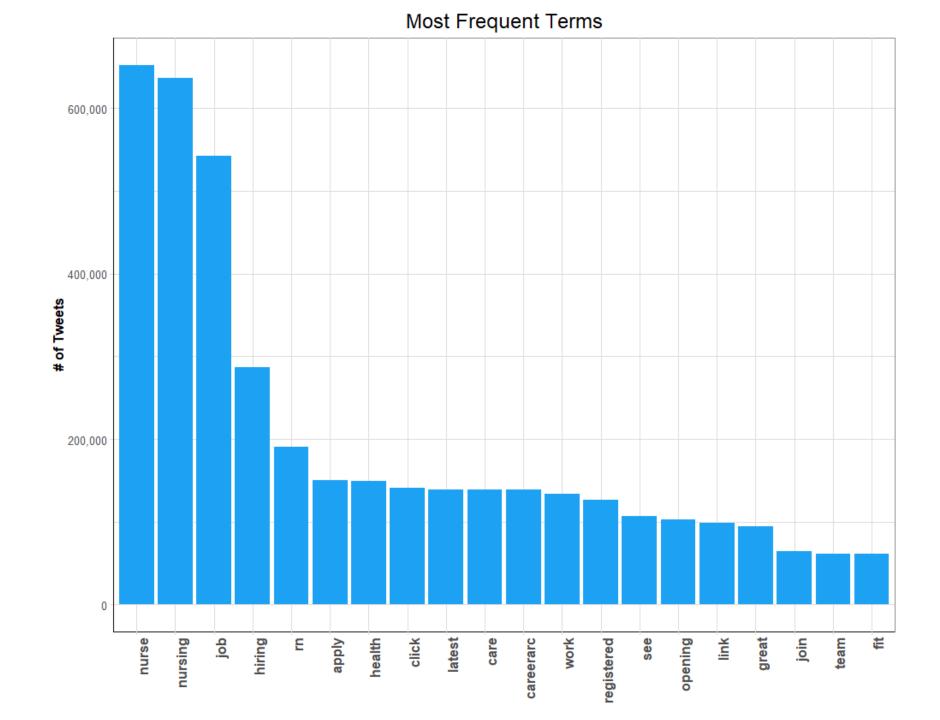
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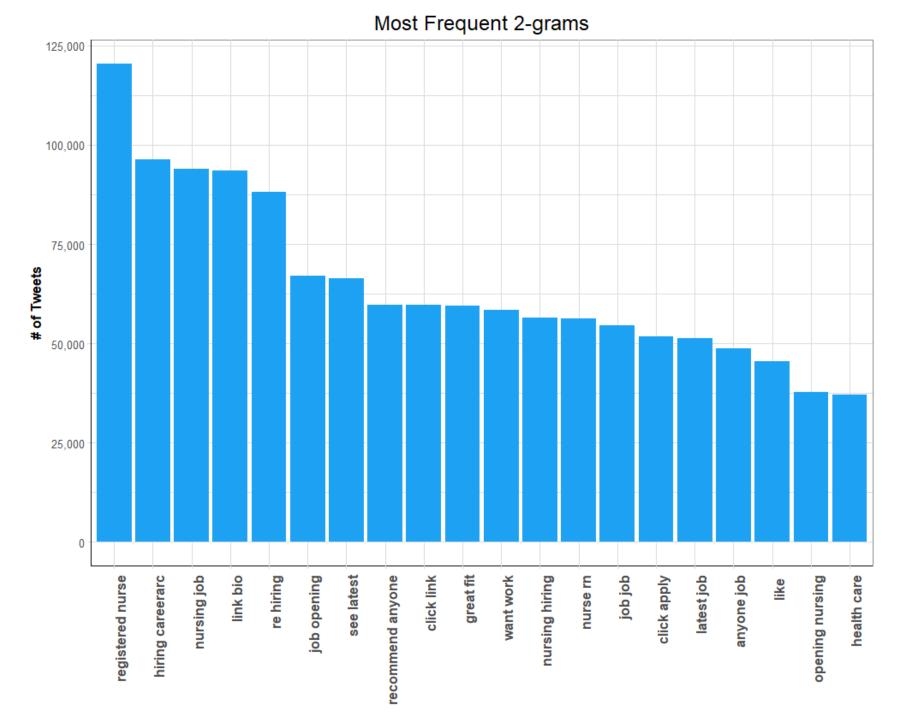
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HASHTAG REACH

Number of # TWEETS + Number of FOLLOWERS = REACH

Sigma: #globalnursingexcellence & #sigmaglobal

USA: #bedsideandbeyond

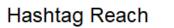
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Generic: #nurse #nurses #nursing (post bot removal)

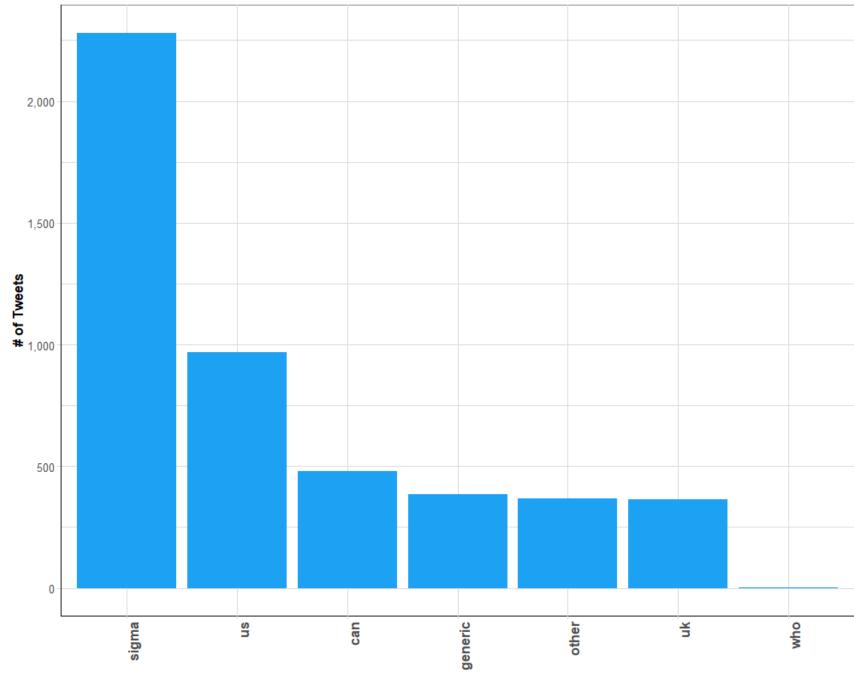
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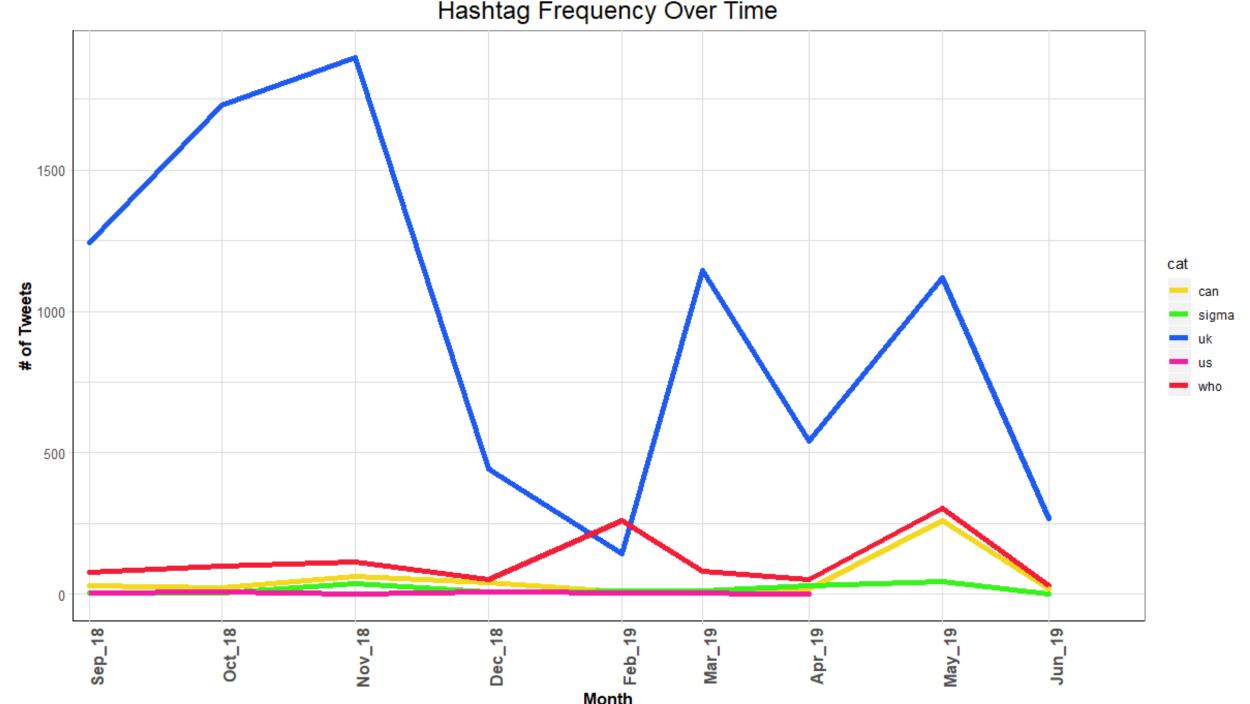
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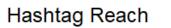




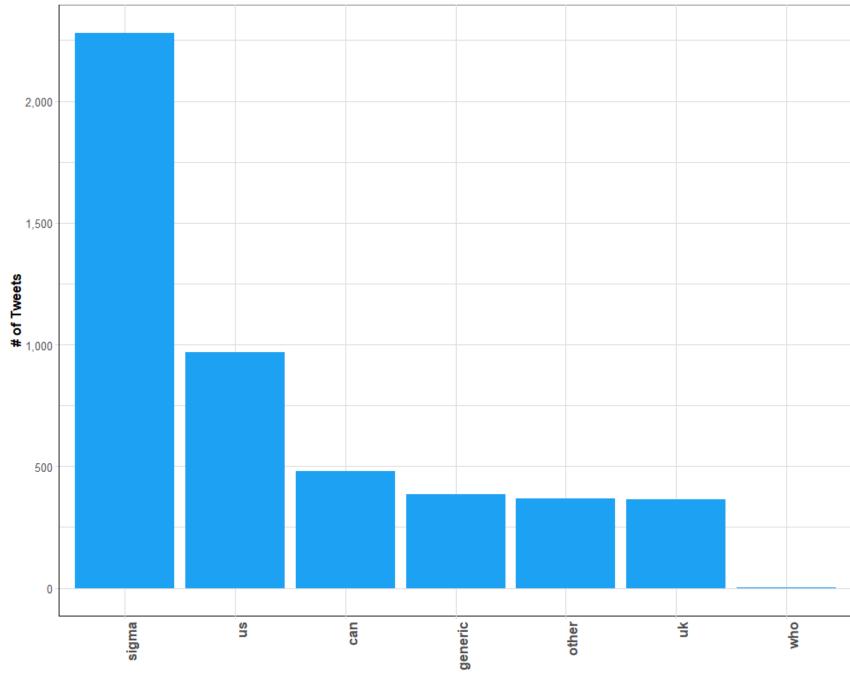


Hashtag Frequency Over Time











CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

Nursing Twitter is often dominated by for job placement purposes (legitimate) and adult entertainment (not so legitimate).

The use of hashtags can help drive campaigns, but follower numbers are also critically important to increase.

Ongoing analysis of effectiveness and reach of SM campaigns and posting will be essential in increasing global connectivity potential of these platforms.

More targeted nursing # campaigns are warranted and should maybe be paired with #nursing or #nurses to impact the professional visibility associated with these tags.





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