



# Global Priorities for Home Care Research, Education, Practice, and Management

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# Background

- Home care nurses depend on evidence to guide their practice, however most research is facility or physician practice centric
- As health care continues to move into the home setting, there is an increased need for research to guide practice
- Home care research priorities were last determined in 2005 and focused only on the U.S.A. (Madigan & Vanderboom, 2005)

# Background / Purpose

- In July 2013, the Inaugural International Home Care Nurse Organization (IHCNO) conference attendees identified the need for an international survey...
- ...to identify priorities in home care research, education, clinical practice and management for home care nurses around the globe.

# Methods

- This study used a descriptive, qualitative design, using a web-based survey
- Distributed through professional networks of IHCNO members
- The survey consisted of 4 open-ended questions regarding priorities for home care research, education, clinical practice and management.

# Methods

- Demographic information collected:
  - Gender
  - Country of residence
  - Years of nursing experience
  - Years of home care experience
- IRB approval obtained from Case Western Reserve University

# Methods

- Research team members analyzed the responses and identified themes for each open-ended question
- Themes were categorized and compared across questions.

# Descriptive Results

- 50 nurses who completed the survey, representing 15 countries and Puerto Rico
- Respondents averaged 28 yrs of nursing experience, and 17 yrs in home care
- Cross-cutting themes reflect global interest in the development of nursing knowledge for home care

# Research Themes

## **Need for expanded evidence-base regarding optimizing patient care**

- Chronic condition management & reduction of preventable hospitalizations
- Pediatrics, dementia, palliative & end-of-life
- Safety & medication management
- Patient/caregiver education & engagement



# Research Themes

## **Need for expanded evidence-base regarding nursing management and practice**

- Inter-professional care & communication
- Staffing and visit patterns
- Models of care coordination and payment
- Staff retention & management
- Credentialing, education & advance practice
- Telehealth
- Informatics

# Educational Themes

## **Best Practice Knowledge Needed:**

- Nursing education of patient/caregiver
- Specialty home care
- Disease management
- Evidence base for practice
- Core competencies
- Nursing assessment education
- Medication management

# Educational Themes

## **Nursing Leadership:**

- Inter-professional communication
- Safety and risk
- Standards of care/policy/procedure
- Orientation

# Educational Themes

## **Nursing Administration:**

- Basic & advanced education for home care
- Integration of home care education in BSN and graduate nursing programs
- Documentation specific to required national reporting and financial reimbursement
- Continuing education
- Technology/resources/medical equipment

# Clinical Practice Themes

## **Nursing knowledge:**

- Utilization of education
- Utilization of resources
- Documentation
- Communication

## **Excellent practice:**

- Assessment and management of skill
- Medication management
- Evidence/research based practice
- Application of best practice
- Certification

# Clinical Practice Themes

## **Patient centered care**

- Patient/family/caregiver education
- Safety and risk during visit
- Coordination of care and teamwork
- Case management
- Care plan

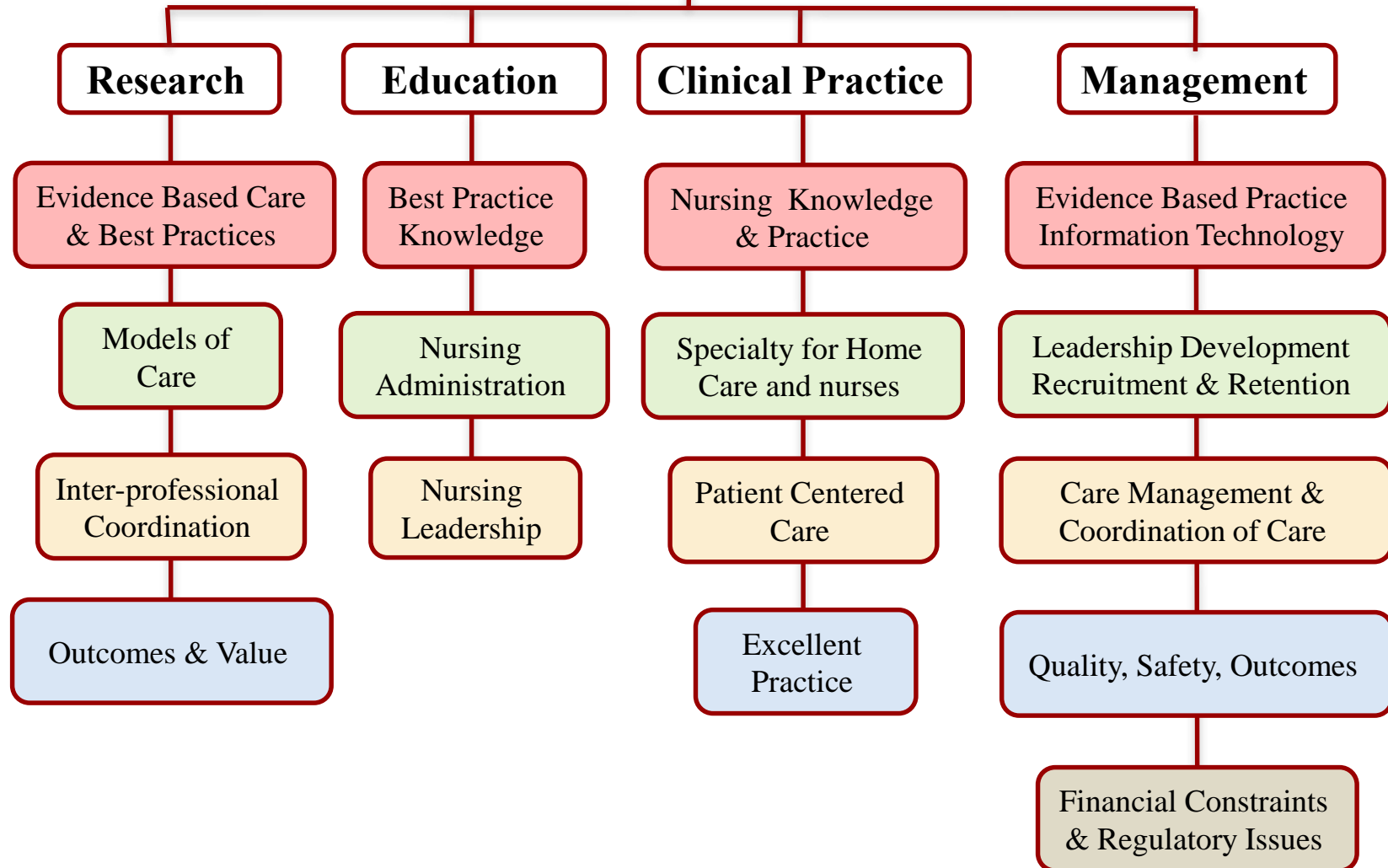
## **Specialty practice area**

- Home care nurses' specialty
- Future of home care sub-specialty

# Management Themes

- Clinical Operations
- Staff development, recruitment & retention
- Leadership development
- Communication & community partners
- Leadership under financial constraints
- Case management & care planning
- Specific clinical issues
- Financial and regulatory issues
- Documentation & information technology

# Global Priorities for Home Care





# Conclusion

Global interest in the development of home care nursing knowledge around:

1. Best practices for home care nursing
2. Basic/Advanced educational competencies
3. Patient/family engagement & education
4. Optimize nursing leadership & management
5. Recruit & retain highly qualified nurses
6. Strategies for optimizing nursing management and patient care given country-specific regulatory issues & financial constraints

Thank You

