The conference will consist of brief presentations summarizing key health and nursing informatics initiatives and opportunities for integrating these initiatives. A major focus is identifying the value of such efforts to compel action. Participants will actively engage in creation of an action plan to capture and integrate nursing data in clinical data repositories for big data research to transform healthcare. The overarching goal is a plan that is bold, actionable, and results engaging nurses on a national scale in big data research to transform healthcare.

Speaker Bios

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interoperability of health IT systems. The communication vehicles of each of these organizations will be leveraged for the purposes of outreach to and feedback from key stakeholders.

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