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Objectives:

1. To evaluate, from the staff's perspective, the effectiveness of a Structured Training Program on nursing informatics in the Security Forces Hospital Program, Riyadh.
2. To identify correlations between the variables.
3. To compare the benefits of using electronic documentation before and after system implementation.

Methods: This pre-experimental study was conducted at the Security Forces Hospital Program, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The target study population was the nursing staff. A systematic sampling technique was used to select 25% of the nursing staff from all departments to undergo the training process. From May to September 2022, a pre-test was conducted followed by structured lectures and practical sessions for the entire sample. Data were collected during a pre-test, and the final evaluation was done through a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of a structured training program in converting to an electronic system to promote the quality of nursing care.

Results: In total 226 nurses were recruited for the study, with a response rate of 100% for the pre-test. The results of the study showed that there was a highly significant improvement in the nurses' levels of knowledge, skill, and confidence, confirming that the structured training program was effective. The results of this study also showed that the majority of participants (93%) were satisfied with using electronic documentation.

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Conclusion: The benefits of nursing informatics reduced errors, improved nurse productivity, better care coordination among healthcare providers, and improved quality of care throughout the various stages of care. The results of this study confirmed the benefits of converting to an electronic documentation system.

Keywords: nursing informatics, structured training program, pre-experimental study, electronic documentation system, electronic health records.

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's dynamic health systems, technology plays an essential role in education and nursing practice, which results in the changing role of nurses and highlights the need for educational programs to integrate appropriate information technology into healthcare. Nursing personnel face a significant challenge to fully benefit from adopting new technological resources in performing their work in a more efficient and effective way.

The success of nursing informatics points to a promising future in its application to nursing practice. The results of one study showed that nursing information systems improved quality through better nursing documentation processes, enhanced patient care planning, and optimized workflow (Darvish et al., 2014). Another case study found a correlation between the technologies used to administer medications and reductions in medication errors, which, in addition to improving patient safety, reduced anxiety in nurses and increased job satisfaction (Kaihlainen et al., 2021).

a) Significance of the Study

Nursing informatics helps improve vital nursing processes, such as documentation, which is a critical aspect of the profession and essential for effective patient care. Before electronic health records, nurses recorded patient information on charts, which could easily be mismanaged. Today, nursing informatics simplifies documentation and automates the transmission of patient data via connected devices to provide access for nurses, physicians, and patients.

Through the application of nursing science, information technology, and analytical sciences, nursing informatics helps enrich healthcare delivery processes and improve patient outcomes by ensuring that critical technologies connect nurses, doctors, and patients to relevant data and each other.

This study is particularly significant in Saudi Arabia, as digitization is emphasized in the Saudi Vision 2030 program, stating, "In technology, we will increase our investments in, and lead, the digital economy" (Almoheza, 2018).

It is hoped that the results of this study may contribute to the nursing profession and other research.

b) Purpose of the Study

1. To evaluate the effectiveness of a structured training program on nursing informatics in the Security Forces Hospital Program, Riyadh, from the staff's perspective.
2. To determine the correlations between the variables.
3. To compare the benefits of using electronic documentation pre and post implementation of the system.

c) Conceptual/Theoretical Framework

A conceptual framework is a theoretical research approach that is scientifically based and emphasizes the selection, arrangement, and classification of its concepts. A conceptual model or framework broadly explains phenomena of interest, expresses assumptions, and reflects a philosophical stance. The conceptual framework formalizes the thinking process so that others may read and understand the frame of reference basic to the research problem. It provides a frame of reference for clinical practice, research, and education.

The conceptual framework of the present study is based on Von Bertalanffy's (1968) general system theory, which defines input, throughput, output, and feedback. According to this theory, a system is a group of elements that interact with one another to achieve a goal. An individual is a system because they receive input from their environment. All living systems are open—there is a continual exchange of matter, energy, and information. The system is cyclical in nature and continues to be so, as long as the four parts (input, throughput, output, and feedback) keep interacting. If there are changes in any of the parts, it will trigger changes in all aspects. Feedback from within the system or the environment provides information, which helps the system determine whether it is meeting its goals.

- Input: It consists of information, material, or energy that enters the system. All systems must receive varying types and amounts of data from the unit. In the present study, input refers to a structured

teaching program regarding electronic documentation systems.

- Throughput: The systems process the input internally, which is called throughput, which refers to the administration of a structured training program for staff nurses regarding an electronic documentation system, which is intended to increase their knowledge, skills, and confidence.
- Output: Outputs is released into the environment in an attempt to restore equilibrium to the environment and refers to energy, material, and information leaving a system after the process. The expected outcome of the present study was obtained by accessing knowledge, skills, and confidence through a questionnaire and Likert scale. The output was evaluated in terms of increments in post-test knowledge, skills, and confidence scores.
- Feedback: Feedback allows a system to regulate itself and provides information about the system's output, that is, response to the system that allows it to monitor itself over time and move closer to a steady state known as equilibrium or homeostasis. It may be positive, negative, or neutral. In the present study, feedback was defined as a process of maintaining the effectiveness of the structured training program. It was assessed by comparing pre-test and post-test scores through the 't' value and identifying correlations between variables. Feedback was used to measure the benefits of the electronic documentation system.

highlights the importance of implementing initiatives to promote nursing informatics competency among nurses in all fields.

A critical assessment of emerging technologies found that the key elements required for implementing nursing informatics were healthcare promotion, advanced systems, internet access, and a network. Because of the nature and development of the information age, receiving the necessary information technology training is required for all categories of nurses.

In today's world, the potential for incorporating informatics and communication technology to enhance the quality of nursing outcomes markedly (Booth et al., 2021). Nurses communicate with patients more closely and interact with technology more frequently. Incorporating technology should create a positive outcome in nursing productivity. Information technology has transformed healthcare and nursing in several aspects, including clinical, management, education, and research areas. Nurses' confidence in using information technology is critical to integrating it successfully in the nursing field. Healthcare managers are advised to

investigate nurses' experiences with information technology in their hospitals and organize courses to orient hesitant nurses toward adopting information technology (Farokhzadian et al., 2020).

III. METHODOLOGY

a) Research Design, Sampling, and Instrumentation

i. Research Design

A pre-experimental study conducted at the Security Forces Hospital Program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The research applied a pre-experimental design in which participants completed a pre-test (O1), were exposed to treatment (X, a structured training program), and then completed a post-test (O2) (Polit & Beck, 2021). The aims of the study were first to know whether there is a significant difference before and after the structured training program and second, to understand whether a structured training program can improve nurses' knowledge, skill, and confidence in the use of nursing informatics. Finally, a comparison was made between the effectiveness of manual and electronic documentation.

Table 1: Pre-experimental design, one group (Polit & Beck, 2019).

Pre-test	Treatment	Post-test
O1	X	O2

ii. Variables and Indicators

There were two variables in this research—the independent variable and the dependent variable. The independent variable was the use of a structured training program (which comprised lectures and hands-on practice), and the dependent variable was the staffs knowledge, skill, and confidence levels.

iii. Population

The population for this study was all nurses.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

Nursing staff from all inpatient departments were included in the study. Staff from the administrative and outpatient departments were excluded from the survey.

Sample and Sampling Technique

A systematic sampling (*n*4th) technique was used to select a sample of 25% of all the nursing departments that underwent the training process. Between May and September 2022, a pre-test assessment was conducted, followed by structured lectures and practice sessions for the entire sample. Data were collected using a pre-test, and the final evaluation was done through a post-test survey to evaluate the effectiveness of a structured training program on converting to an electronic system to promote the quality of nursing care.

iv. Research Hypotheses

The researcher formulated the hypotheses to be tested. They were as follows:

1. The null hypothesis (H0) is that there is no significant relationship between pre-test and post-test.
2. The alternative hypothesis (H1) is that there is a significant relationship between pre-test and post-test.

v. Instruments/Tools

To collect the required data, a survey questionnaire was applied twice—once in a pre-test and next in a post-test—to assess knowledge and to record observations in the practice session using a Likert scale to rank the level of confidence.

vi. Data Collection Procedures

The researcher used the following data collection methods:

1. Pre-test

Study participants filled out the pre-test questionnaire before taking the structured training program to measure their prior knowledge, skill, and level of confidence.

2. Treatment

The treatment stage—participating in the structured training program on the nursing informatics documentation system—was applied through lectures and hands-on practical sessions (Banandur et al., 2020).

3. Post-test

After the training, the staff filled out the post-test questionnaire assessing knowledge and an observation checklist for the practical sessions with a Likert scale ranking their level of confidence.

4. Comparing pre-test and post-test results

Pre-test and post-test results were compared to determine whether the structured training program in nursing informatics had effectively improved the nursing staffs knowledge, skills, and confidence level.

vii. Ethical Considerations

Before initiating the study, ethical permission was secured through approval from the Research Committee as per hospital policy. The necessary

consent was obtained from the Research Ethics Committee of the Security Forces Hospital program.

viii. Data Analysis and Evaluation

The data were analyzed as follows:

1. The nurses' mean scores on the pre-test and post-test were calculated
2. The percentage of improvement in the nurses' pre-test and post-test scores were calculated
3. *At*-test to calculate the significance of differences between the nurses' pre-test and the post-test scores was applied
4. The Pearson's correlation coefficient to identify correlations between variables was applied
5. Manual and electronic documentation using ANOVA were compared (Heavey, 2019).

Table 2: The criteria for hypothesis testing.

Comparison	Hypotheses	
	H0	H1
$t\text{-test} < t\text{-table}$	Accepted	Rejected
$t\text{-test} \geq t\text{-table}$	Rejected	Accepted

Table 2 shows that 1) if the *t*-test value is lower than the *t*-table value, the null hypothesis is accepted, and the alternative hypothesis is rejected, and 2) if the *t*-test value is equal to or greater than the *t*-table value, the null hypothesis is rejected and the alternative is accepted (Rao & Richard, 2012).

IV. RESULTS

a) Demographic Variables among Staff Nurses

Half of the staff nurses belonged to the 31–40 age group, followed by 26.5% who were in the 41–50 age group, followed by 26.5% who were in the 41–50

age range, with only 10.6% being 50 and above. The majority (86.3%) of staff nurses were female.

Regarding years of experience, about 25.7% of staff nurses had 1–5 years, followed by 24.8% who had 6–10 years, and 23.5% with 11–15 years of experience. Most of staff nurses (79.6%) had completed a bachelor's degree, and only 5.8% had completed a master's degree (Fig. 2).

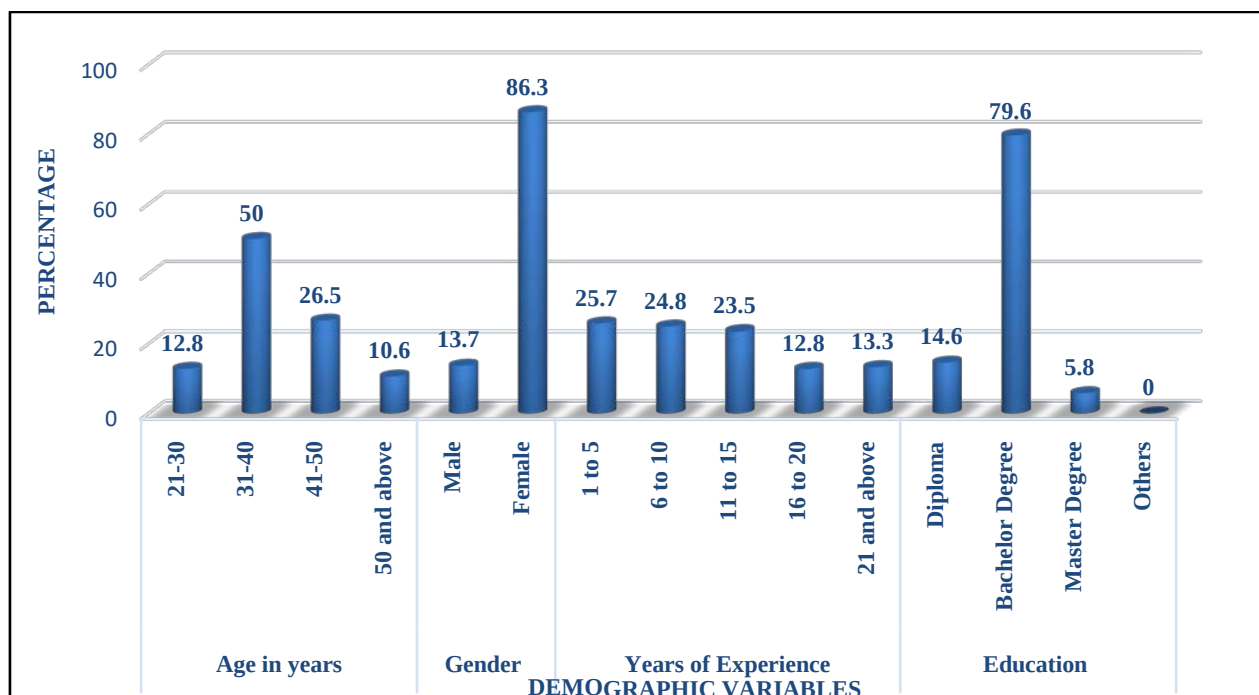


Figure 2: Percentage distribution of staff nurses based on age, gender, years of experience, and education.

b) *Comparison of Pre- and Post-test Levels of Knowledge of Staff Nurses*

Pre-testing – the greatest part (35.8%) of the nurses had satisfactory knowledge, and 32.3% had fair knowledge. Only 2.7% had excellent knowledge

regarding nursing informatics. In the post-test, 46.5% of the nurses had excellent understanding, 35.4% had satisfactory understanding, and none had a poor level of understanding (Fig. 3).

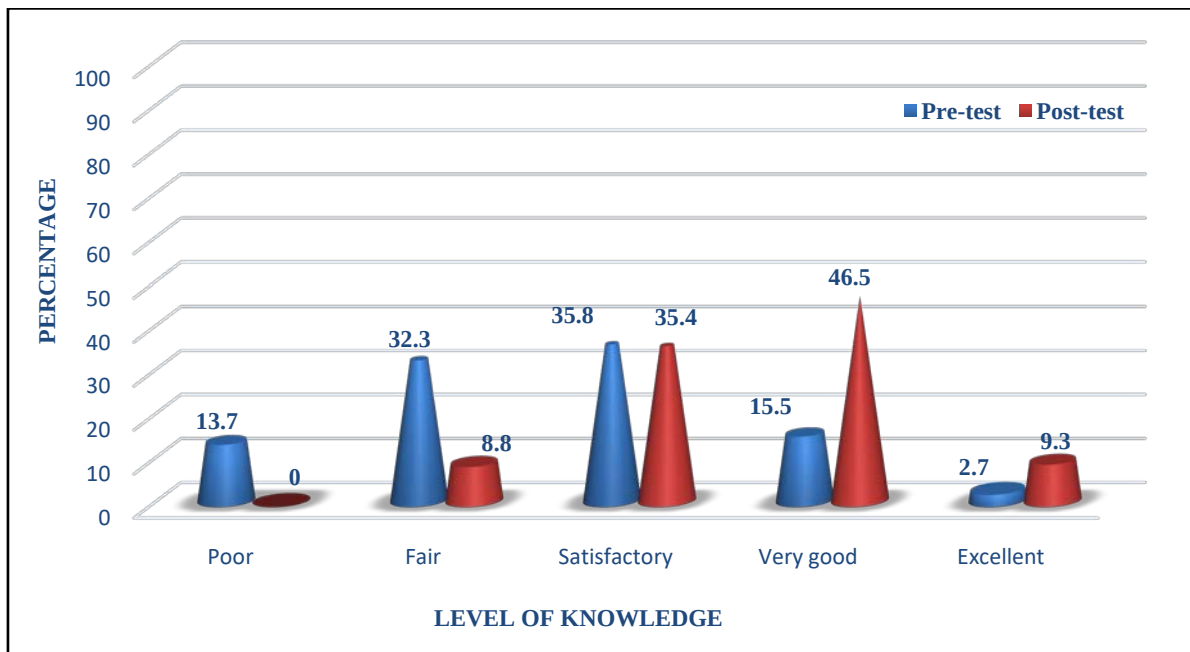


Figure 3: Percentage distribution of levels of knowledge among staff nurses at pre-test and post-test.

c) *Comparison of Pre- and Post-test Skills of Staff Nurses*

In pre-testing, the most significant part (35.4%) of the nurses had satisfactory skill levels, 35% had fair skill levels, and only 4% had excellent skills in nursing informatics. In the post-test, the most significant part

(47.3%) of the nurses had an excellent skill level, 35.4% had a satisfactory level of skill, and only 0.4% had a poor level (Fig. 4).

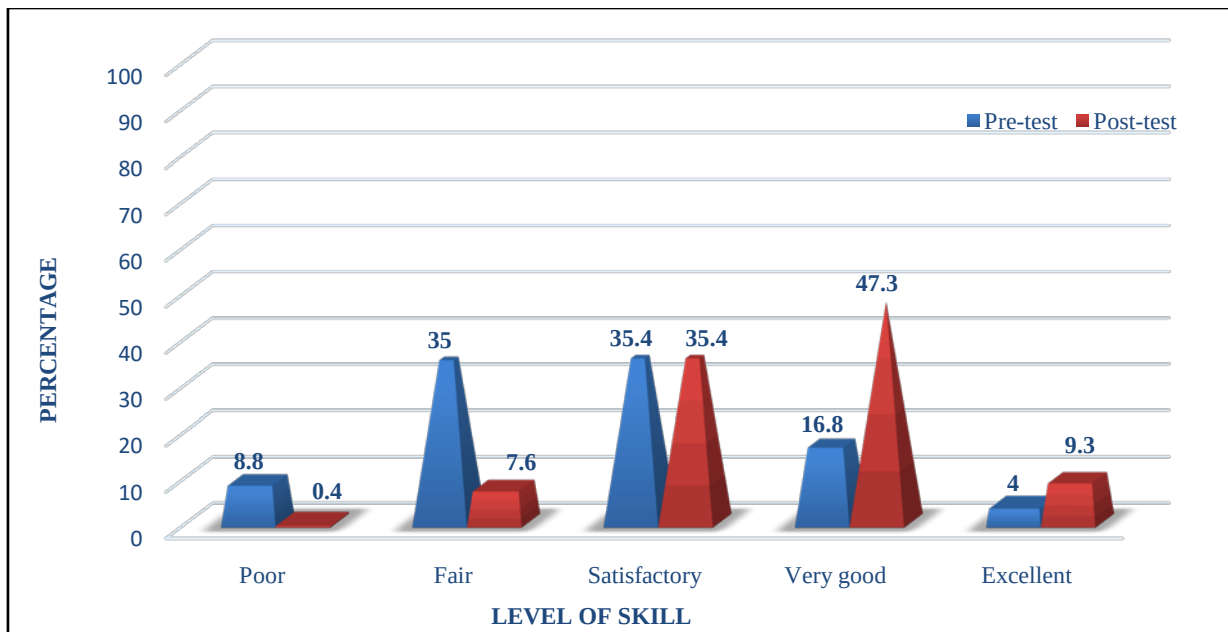


Figure 4: Distribution of pre and post-test levels of skill of staff nurses.

d) *Comparison of Pre- and Post-test Levels of Confidence of Staff Nurses*

In the pre-test, the most significant part (35.4%) of nurses had a satisfactory level of confidence, 34.1% had fair confidence, and only 5.3% had an excellent

level of confidence about nursing informatics. In post-testing, 46.5% of nurses had an excellent confidence level, 32.3% had a satisfactory level, and none scored a poor confidence level (Fig. 5).

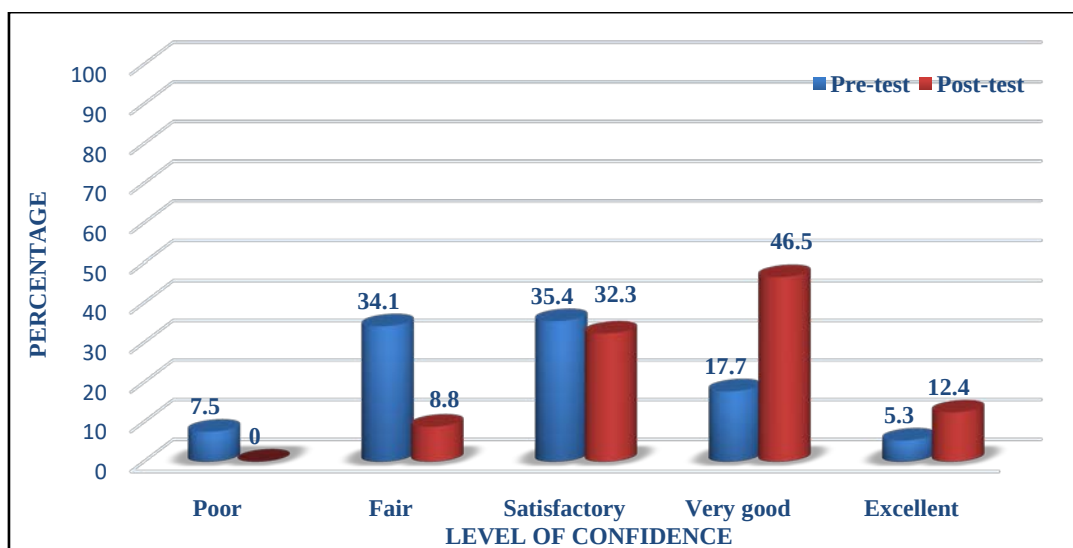


Figure 5: Percentage distribution of pre-and post-test levels of confidence of staff nurses.

e) *Effectiveness of a Structured Training Program on Nursing Informatics for Staff Nurses*

Table 3: Homogeneity of parameters among staff nurses ($n = 226$).

Variable	Mean	SD	95% Confidence Interval		Skewness	Kurtosis
			Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
Level of knowledge	8.52	3.93	8.01	9.04	0.334	-0.587
Level of skill	8.35	3.86	7.85	8.86	0.317	-0.468
Level of confidence	11.07	4.54	10.47	11.66	0.538	-0.530

Table 3 depicts the normality test of the research variables' knowledge, skills, and confidence in nursing informatics. When the results in skewness and kurtosis, more appropriate statistical tests, fall within $\pm$

3.00, the parametric tests of the t -test can be applied to find the mean difference and the Pearson's correlation coefficient to prove the relationship between variables.

Table 4: Comparison of mean levels of staff nurses' ($n=226$) knowledge of nursing informatics.

Assessment	Level of Knowledge		Mean difference	Paired T -value	p -value*
	Mean	SD			
Pre-test	8.52	3.93	4.98	27.984	<0.001
Post-test	13.50	3.14			

*Significance established at $p < 0.001$

Table 4 illustrates the mean difference in the level of knowledge of nursing informatics among staff nurses before and after training. The results reflect a significant difference (4.98) in the mean scores between the pre-test mean score of 8.52 ± 3.93 and its increase to 13.50 ± 3.14 in the post-test, which was found to be highly significant ($p < 0.001$). This significant difference between the pre and post-test results proves the intervention was effective. Hence, the null hypothesis was rejected, and the research hypothesis was accepted.

Table 5: Comparison of mean levels of staff nurses' ($n = 226$) skills in nursing informatics.

Assessment	Level of Skill		Mean difference	Paired T-value	p-value*
	Mean	SD			
Pre-test	8.35	3.86	4.91	24.463	<0.001
Post-test	13.27	2.97			

*Significance established at $p < 0.001$

Table 5 presents the mean difference in staff nurses' skill levels in nursing informatics before and after the intervention. The results show a significant difference (4.91) in the mean scores between the pre-test of 8.35 ± 3.86 and its increase to 13.27 ± 2.97 in the post-test,

which was found to be highly significant ($p < 0.001$). This significant difference between the pre-and post-test results proves the training was practical. Hence, the null hypothesis was rejected, and the research hypothesis was accepted.

Table 6: Comparison of mean level of staff nurses' ($n = 226$) confidence in nursing informatics.

Assessment	Level of Confidence		Mean difference	Paired T-value	p-value*
	Mean	SD			
Pre-test	11.07	4.54	5.94	25.608	<0.001
Post-test	17.01	3.91			

*Significance established at $p < 0.001$

Table 6 shows the mean difference in levels of confidence of staff nurses in using nursing informatics before and after training. The results show a significant difference (5.94) in the mean scores between the pre-test mean score of 11.07 ± 4.54 and its increase to

17.01 ± 3.91 in post-testing, which was considered highly significant ($p < 0.001$). This significant difference between the pre-and post-test results proves the training was effective. Hence, the null hypothesis was rejected, and the research hypothesis was accepted.

f) Comparing Staff Nurses' Knowledge, Skills, and Confidence in Nursing Informatics

Table 7: Pearson's correlation coefficient between levels of knowledge and skill.

Variable	Mean	SD	Pearson's r	p value*
Level of knowledge	8.52	3.93	0.881	<0.001
Level of skill	8.35	3.86		

*Significance established at $p < 0.001$

Table 7 shows Pearson's correlation coefficient between the levels of knowledge and skills of staff nurses. The results show a highly significant positive correlation between level of expertise and level of skills

at ' $r = 0.881$ ' ($p < 0.001$). It was evident that the two variables moved in the same direction as they increased, inferring that as knowledge increased, the level of skill followed.

Table 8: Pearson's correlation between level of knowledge and confidence ($n = 226$).

Variable	Mean	SD	Pearson's r	p value*
Level of knowledge	8.52	3.93	0.811	<0.001
Level of confidence	11.07	4.54		

*Significance established at $p < 0.001$

Table 8 shows Pearson's correlation between levels of knowledge and confidence of staff nurses. The results show a highly significant positive correlation between level of knowledge and confidence at ' $r =$

0.811 ' ($p < 0.001$). It was evident that the two variables moved in the same direction as they increased, inferring that as knowledge increased, the level of confidence followed.

Table 9: Pearson's correlation between level of skill and confidence ($n = 226$).

Variable	Mean	SD	Pearson's r	p value*
Level of skill	8.35	3.86	0.834	<0.001
Level of confidence	11.07	4.54		

*Significance established at $p < 0.001$

Table 9 shows Pearson's correlation coefficient between the levels of confidence and skills of the staff nurses. The results show a highly significant positive correlation between the level of confidence and the level

of skills at ' $r = 0.834$ ($p < 0.001$). It was evident that the two variables moved in the same direction as they increased, inferring that as the level of skill increased, the level of confidence followed.

g) *Participants' Post-test Assessment of the Benefits of Electronic Documentation*

Table 10: Staff nurses' ($n = 226$) post-test assessment of the benefits of electronic documentation.

Benefits of using electronic documentation		Frequency (f)	Percentage (%)
Saves time	Strongly Agree	75	33.2
	Agree	99	43.8
	Neutral	39	17.3
	Disagree	7	3.1
	Strongly Disagree	6	2.7
Reduces errors	Strongly Agree	44	19.5
	Agree	103	45.6
	Neutral	69	30.5
	Disagree	7	3.1
	Strongly Disagree	3	1.3
Convenient	Strongly Agree	67	29.6
	Agree	111	49.1
	Neutral	39	17.3
	Disagree	4	1.8
	Strongly Disagree	5	2.2
Improves productivity	Strongly Agree	61	27
	Agree	115	50.9
	Neutral	44	19.5
	Disagree	1	0.4
	Strongly Disagree	5	2.2
Improves care coordination	Strongly Agree	55	24.3
	Agree	109	48.2
	Neutral	55	24.3
	Disagree	3	1.4
	Strongly Disagree	4	1.8
Improves quality of care	Strongly Agree	62	27.4
	Agree	96	42.5
	Neutral	62	27.4
	Disagree	2	0.9
User friendly	Strongly Agree	51	22.6
	Agree	107	47.3
	Neutral	56	24.8
	Disagree	8	3.5
	Strongly Disagree	4	1.8

Table 10 illustrates the frequency and percentage distribution of the benefits of using electronic documentation in the view of staff nurses post-testing.

Results show that about two-thirds of the participants agreed that using electronic documentation saves time, reduces errors, is convenient, improves productivity, provides better care coordination, improves the quality of care, and is user-friendly. A limited number of staff nurses opposed this view.

Table 11: Frequency and percentage distribution of staff nurses' ($n=226$) post-test levels of satisfaction with using electronic documentation.

Level of Satisfaction	Frequency (f)	Percentage (%)
Excellent	54	23.9
Very good	103	45.6
Good	53	23.5
Fair	16	7.1
Poor	0	0

Table 11 illustrates the frequency and percentage distribution of staff nurses' reported level of satisfaction with using electronic documentation at post-test. The most significant part (45.6%) of staff nurses expressed an excellent level of satisfaction, 23.9 said it was excellent, 23.5 said it was good, with none reporting that their opinion of using electronic documentation was poor.

V. DISCUSSION

The Healthcare Transformation Program was formulated for the Kingdom's Vision 2030 project to ensure the continued development of healthcare services in Saudi Arabia and to focus efforts on this vital sector. The program aimed to boost public health and disease prevention, enhanced access to health services through optimal coverage, comprehensive and equitable geographical distribution, and increased the provision of e-health services (Vision 2030, 2016).

In line with this vision, this study aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of a structured training program of nursing informatics in the Security Forces Hospital Program, Riyadh, from the staff's perspective (using Von Bertalanffy's (1968) General System Theory), to identify correlations among the variables and to compare the benefits of using electronic documentation.

The results of the study showed that there was a highly significant ($p<0.001$) improvement in the level of knowledge, skill, and confidence, confirming that the structured training program was effective. There were also highly significant positive correlations between level of knowledge and level of skill, level of knowledge and level of confidence, and level of skill and level of confidence, indicating that improvements were closely interrelated.

There is minimal quantitative research in the literature that examines the effectiveness of nursing informatics systems. One study showed that following a nursing informatics training program, nurses showed statistically significant changes in their perception of nursing informatics and their ability to apply information technology to enhance the quality of patient care (Bickford et al., 2005). Another study demonstrated that home healthcare and health informatics training laboratories and hands-on exercises improved students' technology adoption rates and self-confidence in using wireless patient monitoring devices (Sapci & Sapci,

2017). The above studies are consistent with the results of this study.

The results of this study also showed that most participants (93%) were satisfied with using electronic documentation. About two-thirds of the participants either agreed or strongly agreed that using electronic documentation saves time, reduces errors, is convenient, improves productivity, results in better care coordination, improves quality of care, and is user-friendly. These findings are in line with the results of previous studies. Electronic documentation can improve the ability to diagnose diseases and reduce or even prevent medical errors, improving patient outcomes (Healthit, 2019). A study in 2019 affirmed the adoption of electronic health records will significantly reduce patient safety events in the hospital (Akindele, 2019). It reduces the risk of errors by decreasing the clinicians' cognitive workload and synthesizing and organizing information in accessible and usable formats (Ratanawongsa et al., 2019). Information technology benefited nurses by helping them perform their daily tasks with greater ease, and it made the nurses' work more effective as information technology improved their efficiency by reducing resource consumption and facilitating information access, recording, and processing (Yusof, 2015). Electronic documentation implementation appears to enhance documentation and prescription error prevention (Albagmi, 2021).

In this study, a limited number of the staff reported dissatisfaction with electronic documentation. One possible explanation for this is that some of the nurses may not have had any previous experience with technology as they were brought up in a non-technology era (10% of the sample were above age 50) and may be fearful of technology or reluctant to try it. According to research, the Baby Boomer generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) is resistant to change, in contrast, Generation X (Post-Boomers) (those born between 1965 and 1980) is more diverse, entrepreneurial, and educated, and Generation Y, also known as Millennials (those born between 1981 and 2000), stay glued to their phones (Kalita, 2023). Millennials were born into the world of technology. Described as "digital natives," that is, a cohort or generation that has never known a world without computers and handheld electronic devices, millennials demonstrate the ability to absorb information quickly

through technology (Jain & Dutta 2018). This explains why the majority of participants were satisfied with using electronic documentation, with nearly 90% of the nurses falling into Generation X and Generation Y (Millennials). The low percentage of nurses reporting dissatisfaction would be a contributing factor to have training courses tailored to those at different levels of experience with technology, rather than simply one training program for all.

VI. LIMITATIONS

While the study has good scientific rigor in that the methodology was systematic and transparent through complete, organized, and accurate reporting, the study sample was taken from only one hospital and specialty; therefore, the results may not be generalizable. Future studies should include more than one hospital and more than one specialty, such as physicians, pharmacists, laboratory technicians, and others, so that the results are more generalizable.

Another limitation is that there may be response bias in the survey results, as there is an assumption of truthfulness when, nurses may not have been truthful; they may have feared that their responses would impact their jobs. An alternative would be to repeat the study with one-to-one face to face structured interviews rather than a written survey for data collection. Structured interviews can reduce response bias as the questions can be open-ended, and detailed information can additionally be applied.

Future research should involve a follow-up study after 12 to 18 months to identify challenges encountered and explore the patient experience following the implementation of electronic documentation. To improve the electronic documentation system itself, further research must follow. Nurses need to be involved in the initial design of strategies to improve the quality of healthcare and change their culture in this regard (Darvish et al., 2019).

VII. IMPLICATIONS

The results of this study can inspire institutions that have not yet implemented electronic documentation to do so, by recognizing the benefits of electronic systems.

It can also help universities implement nursing informatics into undergraduate training programs and encourage nursing education departments to recognize the need to implement nursing informatics into their education programs further, for example, transforming nursing competency reviews from paper to electronic assessments. Due to advanced technology, advantage should be taken in information technology in nursing practice and the quality of healthcare which will empower nurses and, further educational adaptation is

recommended for nursing informatics (Darvish et al., 2014).

VIII. CONCLUSION

The study aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of a structured training program for nursing informatics in the Security Forces Hospital, Riyadh. The results demonstrate that the structured training program was effective. Implementation of electronic documentation systems improves documentation, with most nurses pleased with it. The results suggest that nurse managers, decision-makers, nurse educators, and authorities in clinical settings should organize appropriate interventions and training programs with the help of informatics specialists to improve nurses' informatics competency, particularly in the field of information management skills (Jouparinejad et al., 2018).

The transformation to electronic documentation was highly effective and beneficial to the nursing process, which in turn positively impacts the quality of care.

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