Teaching Verbal Communication in a Digital World? SHERYL CORNELIUS EDD, MSN, RN, CNE

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The Proposed Problem:

Nursing students are no longer able to effectively communicate with patients, family members, and other disciplines in the healthcare setting in a verbal face to face manner.



Paradox over the last 20 years



- ▶ Increase in Technology and Digital Interaction
- Use of devices from birth
- ▶ The birth of Informatics in Healthcare
- ▶ The switch to computerized charting
- Computer and internet available in more places than ever has been
- ► The pandemic pushing everyone to distance communication

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Why is this a problem?

- Missed Assessment Criteria
- Poor relationship with patient, family, HCP
- Break in trust

Unreported Assessment Data

What should we do about it?

Stop the screen time?

Find a balance...





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What is everyone else doing?

In Classroom/ Lab

- 1
- **2**.
- **3**.
- **4**.
- **>** 5.

In Clinical/Simulation

- **1**
- **>** 2.
- **3**.
- **4**.
- **5**.