

Quarterly Report

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Publicity: List publicity and promotional activities conducted during the reporting period, if there were any. (Send any examples of non-electronic promotional materials to the NN/LM MCR by mail or send an email attachment to reports@rml4.utah.edu or provide URLs.)

No publicity piece.

Complete an [Outreach Reporting Form](#) for demonstrations and training that took place during the reporting period. Complete an [Exhibit Report \(MS Word\)](#) for any exhibits as email attachments to reports@rml4.utah.edu for inclusion as appendices to this report.

We continue to meet weekly with committee members. Learning new features and software. Downloading articles, trying new softwares and beaming articles. Orientation of new students: The Creighton University Health Sciences Library has PDA information on their website. We used that to familiarize students with new PDA technology. We purchased 'Epocrates Essential' for two nursing faculty.

Other accomplishments: List any additional activities, resources, services, and administrative arrangements or collaborations that occurred during this reporting period.

We are excited to report that one of our committee members Jane Parks, who is also a nursing faculty at our institution was invited to speak on PDA at the Nebraska Nursing Association meeting on Oct. 6th. She presented 'Power Point' program with Janet Graves, another nursing faculty from Omaha campus. Few weeks before the presentation, we looked at the trial version of the software 'Pocket Controller-Professional'. She was able to demonstrate her PDA through LCD projector. Thanks to the grant that she is way ahead on the PDA technology than her peers.

Target audience: Are there any insights you have gained about your target population during this reporting period? Have their needs changed since your initial assessment? Is the group different from your original anticipated audience?

We have wonderful IT support. It wasn't our intention or our goal but we are pleasantly surprised at the support and interest of the hospital administration. They have bought two more PDA's for nurses to try out some databases.

Goals, Outcomes, Objectives: Discuss problems, successes, surprises, and/or insights of this quarter. Based on these experiences and your progress to date, have you rethought or in any way modified your objectives for the project? Are the needs of the audience those you anticipated, and are the outcomes you expected still feasible?

The senior nursing students will be using our PDA's in their clinical practice with the help of one of our nursing faculty. They will be using two softwares 'Epocrates Essential' and Marc Medicus. we have got more out of the project than we had ever anticipated.

Evaluation: List any specific evaluation activities that occurred during the reporting period. Activities might include surveys, focus groups, pre- and post-tests, interviews, log of activities, or other steps to monitor progress.

I will be mailing you the survey done of our committee members during this period. We are trying to meet their needs. We are working to be more comfortable in using the PDA's.

Impacts and Observations: If there are anecdotes that illustrate the impact that the project is having, provide the narrative here; include any indicators of success. Share observations, lessons learned, and any other feedback you think would be helpful.

It is such an exciting project that we are able to learn from each other and teach others at our facility. We are seeing that Physicians and other healthcare workers are using their PDA's for more than just a glorified calendar and the date book. For example, our institution subscribes to 'emedicine.com'. we are negotiating with the company for free downloads of articles. We will then put a publicity piece in the hospital newsletter.

Planned Activities: Provide a brief outline of activities (training, exhibits, web development, meetings, evaluation etc.) that are scheduled for the next quarter.

Helping students use PDA in the clinical setting.

A program presented to the hospital staff by our committee members. More hands-on program, so the participants can use our PDA.

We have also requested the hospital for wireless access to the internet especially for our Department of Education.

we are looking into more funding and resources to purchase more PDA's for rest of the staff.