

## **NR 541 Week 6 Discussion**

Select one of the following trends and discuss your understanding of this trend in healthcare and its potential impact on your practice as a nurse. What are the legal, privacy, and ethical considerations of this trend?

Technology has been both a blessing and a curse to many aspects of life. While the implementation and use of technology has increased the speed, efficiency, and even accuracy of everyday tasks, it has also caused issues of privacy and security, as well as legal and ethical dilemmas. One such example is the internet. The internet delivers an abundance of information to users at lightning speed. However, this information is not always accurate or trustworthy.

The use of the internet for medical advice and self-diagnosis of issues has the potential to reduce healthcare costs and decrease the number of unnecessary visits to primary care providers and emergency medicine physicians. Furthermore, studies have found that those who use the internet for medical advice and research are more likely to be active participants in their own care. However, it is imperative that the sites used for these searches are from reputable and trustworthy sources. According to Kwakernaak, et al., (2019) using the DISCERN method,