

NUR 514 Topic 7 DQ 1

Discuss how emerging technologies (consumer, mobile and telehealth technologies) impact patient care and the storage of health information. What is one ethical or legal issue related to EHRs that can impact a registered nursing practice? According to HIPAA, protected health information (PHI), and the requirements for privacy and confidentiality, what is one measure you can implement in your practice to protect patient privacy and confidentiality?

Answer:

Consumer empowerment has become more popular as we are living in the Knowledge Age; this means that patients “are interested in partnering with healthcare providers to take control of their health” (McGonigle & Mastrian, 2018). Technologies like patient portals, social media, health-related games, wearable health tracking, and health management apps are outlets that patients can use to take control of their health. Patients have handheld access to their health records and can give an accurate history to new providers. Telehealth has allowed patients to be seen and treated sooner without having to leave their house; this has been especially significant given the pandemic.