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Challenges for National Health Systems

- Financial sustainability,
- Quality assurance and the
- Improvement of clinical effectiveness

Health:

“a shared responsibility, involving equitable access to essential care and collective defence against transnational threats” (WHO 2010)

Primary Health Care

- The “way” for achieving the target “Health for All”
- Practices scientifically based, on socially acceptable methods and technology
- Easily accessible by individuals and families in the community
- The most economic and efficient solution for promoting health

Workforce

Constitutes a basic factor in the production and distribution of health services and determines the quality of care. The performance indicators of personnel are related with patient mortality, with complications, with adverse outcomes and the length of stay in hospital.

Quality of Care and Health Services

The Ministry of Health should seriously take into consideration the needs and the expectations of citizens. Therefore, a common frame of indicators should be established in order to collect information concerning the quality of services especially through existing and future mechanisms of incidence reporting.

opportunities for knowledge update on issues related with the socio-economic evaluation of technology and care should be offered equally to all health care professionals



Continuous Professional Development

Nurses should maintain and update their knowledge and skills

Lifelong learning, embraces both formal and informal post-basic education, is an ongoing requirement for all Nurses

Responsibility to be accountable and able to lead quality improvement organisations (EFN, 2007)

“In-service education” helps the bedside nursing care providers acquire, maintain, or increase their competence in specific areas of practice. It enhances their skills, knowledge, and attitude in relation to specific aspects of their role in the work setting and reflects “our way of doing things.” (American University of Beirut, 2007)



We should investigate further the impact of short educational courses and seminars.

Knowledge dissemination, through revised learning policies by the more effective utilisation of technology, and the modern methods of management of learning.

National Health Scheme

The initiatives that have been taken for the promotion and application of the new NHS will satisfy Cypriots, **if** the enhancement of social policies will focus on the interests of the individual citizen.

“equal distribution of resources and equal distribution of services should take into consideration the citizens’ needs”



The proposed Cyprus' NHS will promote a healthy competition between the public and the private sector.

The Health Insurance Organisation must take into consideration the European and International experience and re-examine the existing socio-economic conditions, (like for example, the life expectancy and long term care, the low birthrate and the potential reduction of active workforce and the economic crisis).



Continuous evaluation

Reform measures

Improvement of provided health services

Engage managers

Nurses Contribution

“Nurses have key and increasingly important roles to play in society’s effort to tackle public health challenges of our time, as well as ensuring the provision of high quality, accessible, equitable, efficient and sensitive health services which ensure continuity of care and address people’s rights and changing needs”. (Munich Declaration: Nurses and midwives: a Force for Health, 2000)



Thank you