1. The Future of Informatics in Aged Care: An International Perspective

1.1. Dr Gregory L. Alexander, Dr Patti Abbott, Dr Mariann Fossum, Dr Ryan J. Shaw, Dr Ping Yu and Mary M. Alexander

Abstract: The panel will share global technology research initiatives in aged care. Panel objectives: 1) Describe international informatics research initiatives by experts addressing health needs of the aged, 2) Contrast health technologies used to manage aging patients, and 3) Explain challenges and opportunities to improve healthcare informatics for aging patients. Intended audience: researchers, consumers, practitioners, vendors, care providers, and policy makers with interests in aged care technology design, development, implementation and management.

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2. Facilitating eHealth for all through Connecting Nurses and the Women Observatory for eHealth

2.1. Dr Veronique Ines Thouvenot; Dr Nicholas R. Hardiker

Abstract: Nurses are at the forefront of health care delivery and are key to health improvements across populations worldwide. They play vital role in the treatment of communicable diseases and in maintaining optimal quality of life for those living with long-term conditions. A number of factors such as an ageing population, a shrinking nursing workforce, inequity and variable access to health services naturally point towards technology-focused solutions. However the uptake of eHealth tools and techniques by nurses and their integration with nursing practice remain patchy, not least because of nurses simply ‘not knowing’ that good solutions exist. The purpose of this panel is to describe initiatives that seek to identify and showcase good practice in the use of eHealth in nursing.

Keywords. eHealth, technology, nursing