



Introduction of the Clinibee App for Critical Care Nurses in sub-Saharan Africa

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Latest projects included UKRI / Newton Challenges Identified

- Critical shortage of healthcare workers:
 - <300 critical care nurses for 18 million people (Zambia)
 - <10 critical care nurses for 17 million people (Malawi)
- Urgent challenges identified:
 - Conservation of oxygen supplies
 - Correct use of oxygen delivery devices
 - Use of other strategies e.g. conscious prone position
- Knowledge and skills in using oxygen therapy

Initial Rapid Response (May – October 2020)











Strategic Team





About Clinibee

- Enables organisations to:
 - Rapidly respond to evolving clinical practice
 - Provide appropriate governance oversight, with instant distribution to staff at the patient bedside.
- The platform reduces
 - Administrative burden
 - Enables clinical collaboration
 - Standardises clinical practice
 - Drives quality improvement throughout the organisation.
- At its core is patient safety.
- Mobile and digital apps widely in NHS / critical care units (Ventola et al., 2014)

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• To develop context specific critical care evidence-based information for nurses in Zambia to access at the bedside.



Co-design (Flyan et al., 2021. Bate et al., 2016)



Project achievements

- Identification of specific topics in critical care
- Development of context specific resources
- Zambian team supported by international team to develop and peer reviewed guidelines
- 34 emergency, trauma & critical care resources designed and uploaded

Method for Pilot Evaluation

- As the first step in project monitoring and evaluation, an evaluative approach to assessing impact was used
- Anonymous online survey via a mobile phone was conducted
- Unique URL sent to all users

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Findings from the evaluation

- 64 critical care nurses are members at the time of the evaluation.
- 33 (51.5%) responses were received, deemed an acceptable response.
- 23 (69.6%) reported using Clinibee
 - 19 (57.6%) finding it easy to use.
 - Most accessed topics included tracheostomy care bundle, weaning from mechanical ventilation and eye care.
- 10 (30.4%) respondents who were not accessing the app, no responses were given as to why.

Limitations and solutions



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Opportunities and next steps

- Use of clinical based apps have huge potential
- App has been launched in Malawi
- Health Education England (HEE) Global Placement for Health Partnerships grant:
 - Virtual volunteers delivering virtual lectures
 - Volunteer infographics designer designing information for Clinibee



There are opportunities for adult and paediatric critical care nurses to join a virtual teaching team to capacity building and support critical care nurses in Zambia and Malawi. This project is run by BCU and supported by HEE. Please contact cpd@bcu.ac.uk for more information

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