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Moral Courage: Meeting the Challenges of a Contemporary Healthcare System



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The Future of Nursing

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Nurses as innovators

















Current challenges in critical care



- Increasing demand
 - Bed shortages
 - Population to rise to 70m by 2029
- Workforce shortages
 - Critical care staff backfilling ward rotas
 - Capacity is an ongoing concern
- Development
 - Investment needed in CPD and training

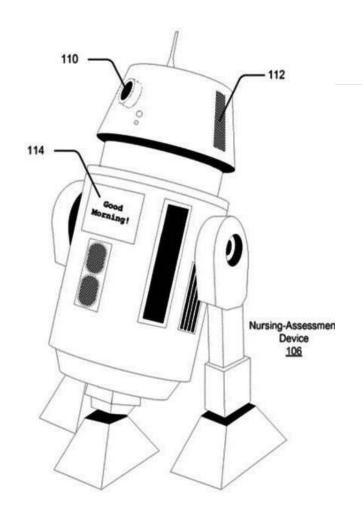
Automation and AI



- Much of our work can't be automated, so where does this fit?
- Can augment and support our work through analysis and diagnostic aid
- Mindful of challenges, but could impact workload in a positive way

AI in healthcare





Google's patent design for a robotic nurse

Genomic Medicine



- Increasingly relevant to the way we treat our patients
- Critical care nurses are best place to be early adopters and use this technology
 - Building the care package
 - Improve patient flow



What do we need from the government?



- Investment
 - Recruitment and retention
 - Education and training
- Accountability for growing and maintaining the workforce
 - Legal framework that considers supply, recruitment, retention and pay



"Our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors"

Jonas Salk American Microbiologist 1914-1995

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