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The Future of Nursing

Dame Donna Kinnair
RCN Chief Executive and General Secretary
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

Genomics

england
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
Thank you

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