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# The future of Nurses in HIV

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**What role do nurses play in HIV care?**

**What are the benefits of nurses in HIV care?**



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For the healthcare system to know how best to use nurses in HIV care, it is important to understand the role played by nurses and its impact.

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### Present – What is done:

- Nurses are already providing a significant amount of HIV care.
- High levels of experience, a focus on a single condition, and either participation in HIV care teams or other easy access to physicians with HIV expertise may be key factors in the high performance scores among nurse practitioners.
- As people with HIV live longer, all providers – including nurse practitioners - will be caring for patients with comorbidities and more complex clinical issues.



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### Present – What is done:

- Nurses are change agents, have the role of educator
- Nurses have valuable insights and unique abilities to contribute as partners with other health care professionals in improving the quality and safety of care
- Sensitize the contribution of quality nursing care and scientific value and delivered to a high standard of care provided by nurses



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Future -> What can be done:

- Tackling stigma and discrimination is undoubtedly a complex and ongoing work. We, as nurses, as health educators, can and should take advantage of this challenge
- Training all health professionals: standardize language and practice care for better and universal care



### Future -> What can be done:

- Nurses should be fully engaged with other health professionals and assume leadership roles in redesigning care and national/ international guidelines in HIV care
- Uniting Nurses working in caring for people infected and affected by HIV (prison, addiction teams, primary health care, palliative care, home care...)





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Thank you



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