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Study: Nurses Not Big on Tablet PCs

June 11, 2004 - More than 90% of nurses interviewed in a recent study say they are reluctant to use Tablet PCs for bedside care. The "Mobile Computing in Nursing" study was conducted between March and May 2004 by Spyness Consulting Group, Menlo Park, Calif.

The consulting firm interviewed 100 nurses who work in home health and provider organization settings, asking the caregivers their opinions on mobile technologies used at the bedside or during other duties. Most nurses interviewed said they were reluctant to use Tablet PCs because of their fragility, weight and inadequate battery life. However, the nurses were more open to using PDA's and PCs on mobile carts during clinical care.

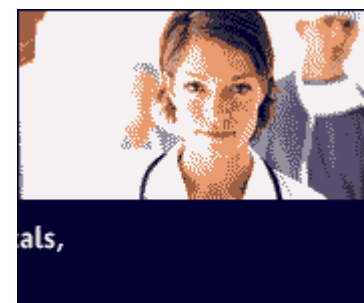
Health care organizations are beginning to experiment with such mobile technologies in nursing departments, says Gregg Malkary, managing director at Spyness Consulting Group. However, they face challenges implementing mobile technology in such areas as funding, clinician support, availability of quality nursing applications and inability to make nursing automation a high priority.

The "Mobile Computing in Nursing" study also addresses the use of bar coding, speech recognition, handwriting recognition and security technologies in mobile health. The complete study is priced at \$1,495. For more information, or to order the study, go to www.spyness-consulting.com.

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