

Information For Patients And Parents On The Use Of Smart Phone Technology By Nursing Staff In The Workplace



BACKGROUND

In Ireland Smartphone, usage has increased exponentially. The use of the smart phone in the workplace to facilitate practice has increased with the creation of applications, which support all aspects of complex medical and nursing care.

In CHI at Crumlin the pharmacy departments and the laboratories to replace the paper versions of a hospital medication formulary and a laboratory handbook have devised apps. These have been in use for the last number of years.

NURSING STAFF WILL USE THEIR SMART PHONE FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES

- To access clinical information
- To access medication information
- To calculate drug doses
- To access clinical materials for reference purposes

Many clinical staff use the CHI Formulary application. This allows staff access to up to date information on medications that support safe medication practices in the clinical area.

The laboratory Handbook allow staff to determine how laboratory tests are taken and what bottles to use for specimen collection and storage.

Nursing staff are permitted to use the Smart Phone to access these applications to assist with their daily work.

Nursing staff will use professional judgment when using their smart phone and will be respectful of patient confidentiality and data protection. They will ensure they clean their phones regularly as required with alcohol swabs.

If nurses are using a smart phone in the department in which your infant/child is located they will be using their own personal device but are not obliged to do so.



NURSING STAFF WILL NOT USE THEIR SMART PHONES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES.

- To contact you on your mobile
- To text family and friends during work time.
- To tweet or access social media during work hours.
- To photograph patients or their families with their phone camera.
- To contact parents.
- To friend parents of patients on the social networks.

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