



Innovation in Data Collection and Fieldwork

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Winning Entry:

Ethnographic Research that Evaluates the Impact of Remote Patient Monitoring on how Renal Nurses Manage their Home Dialysis Patients



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Entrants' Short Summary

This pioneering ethnographic research combined qualitative observation with quantitative data collection to compare a new remote patient monitoring system with a traditional device. It evaluated the impact on nursing time and priorities. An innovative ethnographic tool was built to measure the time, type and value of activities conducted by nurses. Nurses were observed for two ordinary working days once before the device was introduced and after it was established. The ground-breaking aspect, appreciated not all nursing time has the same influence on patients. The research identified, measured and compared nursing time and activities that had the greatest effect on patients.

What the Judges said:

"This entry demonstrated **true innovation**, with a methodology **designed very specifically and successfully** to meet the objectives of the study.

The **impact of the outcomes** on both the client, the HCP, the patient and the NHS were clearly demonstrated."

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