### Enabling Access to Evidence-based Nursing Knowledge at the Point of Care with LEP Nursing and Thieme CNE: Pilot Linking Study

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#### **Abstract**

Introduction: Nursing care is becoming increasingly complex, and research in nursing science is continuously producing new findings. Particularly new employees, employees who received some of their training in other countries, and float staff must quickly familiarise themselves with each ward's guidelines and ways of working. Given the high workload on many wards, efficient information access is paramount. This calls for innovative solutions of knowledge delivery integrated into the workflows of nurses at the point of care (process interoperability). Therefore, the knowledge provider Thieme Certified Nursing Education (CNE) and the nursing intervention classification provider LEP AG are exploring ways to enable accessing knowledge directly from the electronic patient documentation. Currently, more than 1000 healthcare services in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria use the LEP Nursing 3 nursing intervention classification for electronic care planning and documentation. The classification comprises around 600 case specific (e.g. Attending to a wound) and around 140 non-case-specific nursing interventions (e.g. Conducting a learning situation). CNE provides continuously updated, quality-controlled nursing knowledge on a multimedia online platform, including various content types such as web- based trainings, videos, a lexicon, nursing practice instructions, reference books and practice standards.

**Project/Study Aims:** The main goal of this project is to enable nurses at the point of care to access knowledge from the electronic patient documentation. As a first step, this pilot study aimed to determine the feasibility of linking LEP nursing interventions to Thieme CNE content that provides practical know-how for nurses at the point of care.

**Methods:** Nursing interventions (n=20) were purposefully selected from LEP Nursing 3.5.0 services with case assignment to represent a balanced set according to intervention frequency, duration, and experiences of previous linking projects. Two raters experienced with LEP (GJ, MP) first linked three interventions each to CNE content. They discussed to refine the process and then independently coded the remaining 17 interventions. Inter-rater agreement was calculated, and all discrepancies discussed to reach consensus.

**Results:** The raters found 29% of common links for 17 interventions. For 17 interventions, they identified seven suitable links on average, while they found no suitable CNE content for three interventions. A completeness check by CNE experts revealed no additional suitable content. The most frequent targets were book sections, particularly CNE's nursing handbook iCare online, videos, and lexicon entries. The coders considered 75% of the CNE links as pertaining to the intervention overall (e.g. general wound management) and 25% to special cases (e.g. change of wound dressing at the groin). Moreover, they assessed 25% of the CNE content as compact (less than one minute of reading or watching).

**Conclusions:** This pilot study demonstrated the feasibility of linking LEP nursing interventions to CNE nursing know-how. However, the wealth of CNE content and its often high level of detail as well as the generality of some LEP nursing interventions require additional constraints to provide concise targeted information at the point of care. The next step will be to develop these constraints for specific use cases in cooperation with a practice partner from a healthcare institution.

#### **Keywords**

Evidence-based nursing care, knowledge management, classifications of nursing interventions, process-integrated solutions, patient safety

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- LEP Nursing 3 nursing intervention classification
- 600 case-specific,140 non-case-specific interventions
- Implemented in more than 1000 healthcare services in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria
- Available in German, English, French, Italian



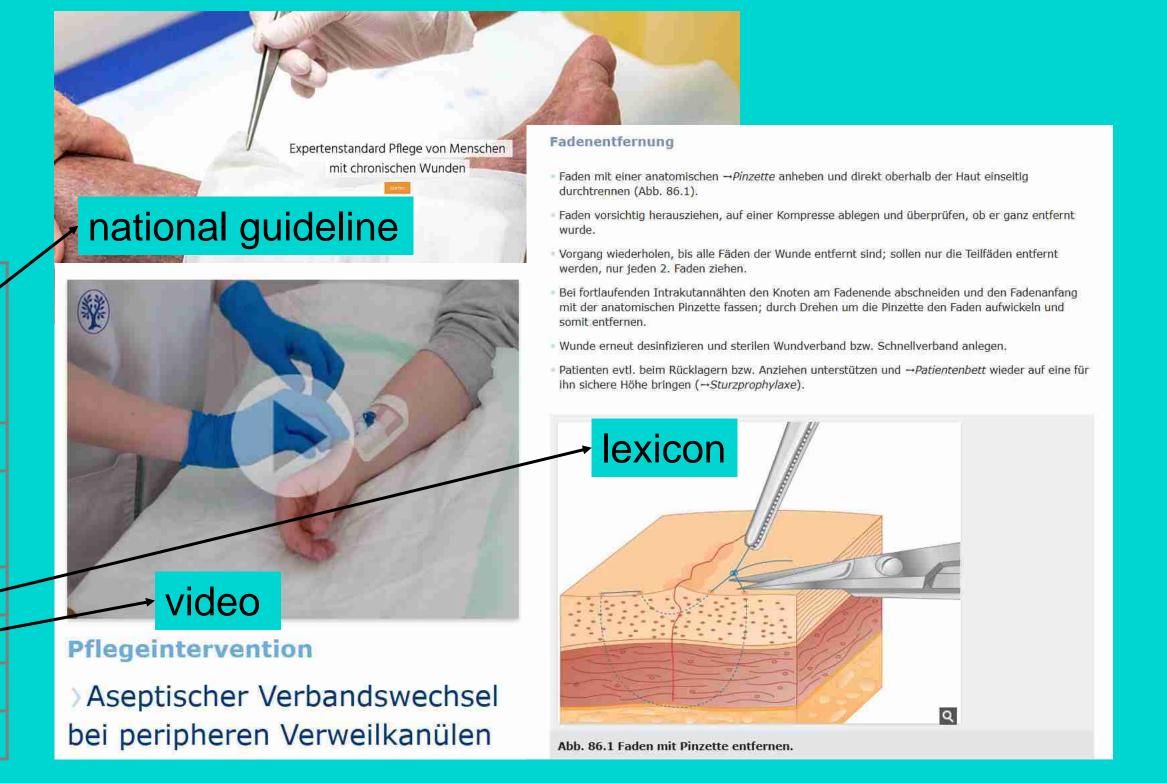


- Knowledge provider: Certified Nursing Education
- Continuously updated, quality-controlled knowledge
- Multimedia online platform
- Content types: web-based trainings, videos, lexicon, nursing practice instructions, reference books, etc.

## Idea

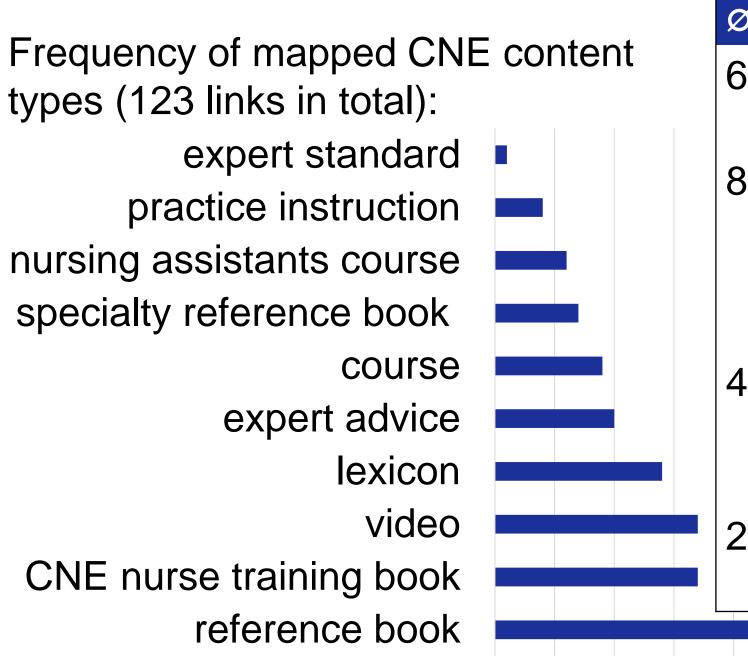
Enable nurses at the point of care to access knowledge directly from the electronic patient documentation

Patient: Ms. Maier Case number: 123456 Internal Medicine Ward 1 **Nursing interventions** Day 1 Day 2 Subcutaneously administering an injection Inserting a urinary catheter Administering an infusion with an additive Performing a full body wash Attending to a wound -



## Pilot study

### Results



Agreement: 29% of links for 17 interventions after trial with 3 interventions

Number of CNE links per LEP intervention:

# LEP interventions ø 6.5 links per intervention	# CNE links
6 e.g., Attending to a wound, Performing stoma care	≥ 9
8 e.g., Inserting a urinary catheter, Determining the Glasgow Coma Scale value, Conducting a discussion on terminal care	5-8
4 e.g., Performing gait training, Monitoring the state of the uterus, Performing extubation	1-4
2 Monitoring bleeding, Performing tracheal catheter care	0

10 15 20 25 30 35 40

## Methods

- Two independent raters linked 20 LEP nursing interventions to CNE content
- Heterogeneous interventions selected according to frequency, duration, previous mapping experiences
- Discussion to reach consensus
- Check by CNE content expert

## **Next Steps**

Cooperation with healthcare institution: define use cases, implement pilot in the patient documentation, test usability