

# How the nursing profession should adapt for a digital future

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The use of technology in healthcare is something that is now inevitable and often expected by patients. The response to the pandemic saw and acceleration in reliance on digital solutions with a mixture of success and challenges.

This piece explores the issues facing nursing and suggests how strategically, the profession can adapt to adopt change more easily in the future. One interesting point is that the nurse-patient relationship should be re-examined to provide patients with greater independence and control over their data and care.

An interesting article to consider – regardless of your clinical speciality.

## Areas for reflection

- How can specialist nurses take advantage on the benefits that technology in healthcare can offer?
- How has the pandemic shaped the use of technology for both patients and professionals?
- How can we ensure that clinical governance is maintained during times of rapid change when implementing technology within services?

