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## **Elevating Education with AI: Practical Strategies for Nurse Educators**

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This webinar explores the integration of artificial intelligence into nursing education, emphasizing that faculty must remain in control of the technology. The session offered a balanced discussion by framing the topic through two contrasting perspectives: the “early adopter,” driven by curiosity to test technological limits, and the “cautious skeptic,” who initially expressed fear that AI would hinder the development of student critical thinking. This dialogue highlighted the core tension between innovation and pedagogical integrity, establishing the concept of the educator as either the “driver” of technology or a passive “passenger.”

The discussion covered practical applications for leveraging AI as a tool to enhance—not replace—educator expertise. Panelists identified significant efficiency gains, particularly in the development of simulation scenarios, which frees faculty to focus on higher-priority instructional tasks. Further applications included using AI as a creative partner for brainstorming novel teaching strategies and exploring personalized learning paths for students. The session stressed the importance of institutional policies guided by academic integrity, advising that educators must lead by example in teaching the ethical use of AI, much as they did with the introduction of smartphones in clinical settings.

A central theme was the irreplaceability of the human educator, with panelists noting that AI has demonstrable limitations and cannot replicate the nuanced clinical judgment essential to nursing. Recommendations for faculty included starting with low-consequence tasks to build confidence before using AI for professional work where outputs can be validated against existing knowledge. The webinar concluded that educators must maintain oversight to vet AI-generated content, ensuring alignment with learning outcomes and best practices. Ultimately, speakers advised approaching AI as a powerful assistant that, with proper human governance, can enhance the educational experience while upholding rigorous academic and professional standards.

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