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WCSI Endorses NurseVetted, Putting Nurses in Charge of Vetting Healthcare

Endorsement recognizes NurseVetted's Human Connection Preservation domain; a scored evaluation criterion built on Dr. Jean Watson's theory to safeguard the nurse-patient relationship

Deerfield Beach, FL – The **Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI)** is honored to announce its formal endorsement of **NurseVetted**, the first nurse-led platform for independently evaluating artificial intelligence tools before and after they enter clinical practice founded by **Dirksen Jurado Taguiam, DNP, RN, APN**. **NurseVetted** equips nurses with a structured, credible voice in determining whether AI tools are safe, workflow-appropriate, and worthy of trust. This endorsement affirms **NurseVetted** as a vital extension of **Watson's Caring Science**, one that operationalizes its philosophy into a rigorous, scored standard for evaluating artificial intelligence in nursing practice.

NurseVetted rests on a simple yet urgent conviction: nurses are the most trusted professionals in healthcare, yet the AI tools entering their daily work are rarely evaluated by the people who actually use them. Through a nine-domain evaluation framework grounded in established nursing theory and practice, **NurseVetted** gives nurses a structured, credible voice in determining whether an AI tool is safe, workflow appropriate, and worthy of trust, before deployment and again after a tool goes live in real clinical settings.

At the center of that framework is **Human Connection Preservation**, one of NurseVetted's nine clinical domains and the one built explicitly on **Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring**. The domain evaluates whether an AI tool preserves a nurse's physical attention and presence during care delivery. It then determines whether it enhances or erodes the human dimension of the nurse-patient relationship. Rather than a citation added for credibility, **Human Connection Preservation** is operationalized into a scored, structured criterion that every AI tool reviewed on the **NurseVetted** platform must meet, alongside eight additional domains, the ANA Code of Ethics, Complexity Leadership Theory, and other nursing frameworks.

The relationship between **WCSI** and **NurseVetted** began after a conference conversation between the **NurseVetted** team and **Dianne Reid**, WCSI's Program Enrichment Director, about the alignment between the platform's evaluation framework and Jean Watson's theory. As AI moves deeper into clinical documentation, decision support, and patient communication, **WCSI** and **NurseVetted** share a commitment to ensure the risk of eroding caring and human-centered practice is formally assessed, not assumed away in the name of efficiency.



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*"Nurses are the most trusted professionals in healthcare, yet the AI tools entering their daily work are rarely evaluated by the people who actually use them," said **Dirksen Jurado Taguiam, DNP, RN, APN, founder of NurseVetted**. "Dr. Watson's Theory of Human Caring gave us the language to make sure that as AI enters nursing practice, the human connection at the center of care doesn't get lost in the process."*

*"One of our nine evaluation domains, Human Connection Preservation, is built directly on Watson's Theory of Human Caring," **Taguiam** added. "We ask whether a tool protects a nurse's presence and attention with the patient, or pulls them away from it. That's not a citation, it's a scored requirement every AI tool on our platform has to meet."*

*"Nursing judgment has always been the safeguard at the bedside, and that doesn't change because the tool in the room is artificial intelligence," said **Dianne Reid, MS, BSN, RN, NE-BC, Program Enrichment Director of the Watson Caring Science Institute**. "NurseVetted is asking the questions Dr. Watson would ask: does this technology protect the nurse's presence with the patient, or does it quietly take her out of the room? That is exactly the kind of rigor Caring Science calls for as AI moves into nursing practice."*

Through this endorsement, **WCSI** and **NurseVetted** affirm a shared commitment to ensuring that as artificial intelligence transforms healthcare, nursing judgment and the nurse-patient relationship remain protected, not displaced. As **NurseVetted** works toward becoming the recognized trust standard for healthcare AI, the two organizations will continue to explore how **Caring Science** can inform the responsible governance of AI across the nursing profession.



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The NURSES VET Framework

N Nurse Override Capability

Can nurses challenge, override, and document decisions when their judgment must lead?

U Usability in Workflow

Does the tool fit the pace, workload, and reality of bedside practice?

R Research and Evidence Based Practice

Is the tool grounded in sound research, validation, and clinical evidence?

S Surveillance and Clinical Safety

Does the tool support safe accountable nursing decisions and monitor for drift after deployment?

E Equity, Bias and Cultural Sensitivity

Does the tool perform equitably across all patient populations and account for cultural diversity?

S Securing Data Privacy and HIPAA

Are privacy safeguards, access controls, and patient data protections clearly in place?

V Voice of Nurses

Was this tool built with nurses or just for them?

E Explainability, Transparency and Accountability

Can nurses understand why the AI made its recommendation and who is accountable when it is wrong?

T Touch and Human Connection Preservation

Does the tool support the nurse patient relationship or replace it?

Before you use it. NURSES VET.

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About NurseVetted

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About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI)

The Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories, and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science, founded by Jean Watson, Ph.D., RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, LL (AAN), WCSI's Founder & Director. Focusing on research, education, praxis, leadership, and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Watson's Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments through various educational programs, nurse scientific research, partnerships, events, and affiliations. For more information, please visit: www.watsoncaringscience.org.



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