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- [Tim] Good afternoon, everyone, and thank you for attending this presentation on a remarkable resource in the field of nursing regulation, the newly refreshed Global Regulatory Atlas. In 2018, NCSBN and, in particular, the nursing regulation and web development teams endeavored to create a database encapsulating the multi-faceted profiles of global nursing regulation and governance in one easily accessible place.

What started as an idea to aid in the standardization of nursing bodies and provide guidance to regulators

But in order to promulgate that next step, we leveraged, first, our WHO context, particularly, our research partners, be it professors, physicians, or nurses, and regulators within that jurisdiction.

Our research team was kind enough to collect contact information for participants at the International Congress of Nurses in Montreal, in July. We actually contacted, well, Chicago consulates and consulates within New York, requesting that they try and put us in contact with someone capable of providing us the information we needed.

And lastly, we leveraged NCSBN's extensive contact network within the regulatory agencies around the world. Next, I'd like to transition into discussing the actual key components that comprised the Atlas itself. First and foremost, we have contact information. In this regard, I mean the information for the regulatory body of nursing in each jurisdiction, their name, address, email, and URL, hopefully, if that is in existence, as we have encountered multiple jurisdictions that don't have websites.

To that end, it became readily evident when we started our data collection in March that a robust contact network within the Atlas was going to be as important as the actual data metrics themselves in order to facilitate communication between regulators and helping the standardization of the nursing practice. Next, transition to governance, and in this capacity, we felt it necessary to have a one-stop shop related to links to legislation and standards of each jurisdiction, information relating to the nurse mobility facilitation via reciprocal agreements and nursing compacts, and information regarding the regulatory council of each jurisdiction.

We next transition to licensure and registration, and this is the component in which we find the different nursing specialties that each jurisdiction utilizes, from LPNs to advanced practice nurses, in addition to midwives and nursing assistants, with the corresponding data metrics for that number of each category.

We also see the initial licensure and registration requirements within this component, the scope of practice, as well as whether or not this jurisdiction requires a criminal background check and the methodology for actually obtaining said criminal background check. Moving along, we come to education, and in this context, we mean the accreditation and/or approval of nursing institutions within each jurisdiction and whether or not their regulatory body actually requires approval or accreditation.

And if that was the case, we really try to pay close attention to formulating lists for each jurisdiction that actually had every institution that was accredited or approved by that jurisdiction. Next, we come to discipline, and in this instance, we were concerned with the disciplinary data management.

As you can see, we

- [Brendan] So, Tim, I just was hoping maybe you could also add to your prepared talking points the aspect about exporting some of the data. The researcher in me really just thought that that was the coolest feature, and I just wanted to make sure that the audience knows that.

- Thank you, Brendan. It is a really cool feature. The reason we didn't include it in this iteration is just because we're working out a bug that doesn't allow it to be displayed at this time. That was in the original version. It just didn't make it. But no, within a month, we're hoping to see the Export feature back into the Atlas, in which the datasets themselves can be exported via Excel and/or PDF in their entirety.

You have to do it one at a time, but you do have the capability of exporting the data at any time.

- [Mark] Mark Majek, Texas. I want to commend you guys on this because this has become an integral part of our licensing process for international nurses. And an example I can give you is we had discernment about who verifies licenses from Cameroon. Very difficult, and we're getting beatdowns from this applicant saying, "This is correct. This is correct."

We're saying no. We know by the Global Atlas what we can look at, and so this update is really helpful that we look at every day to verify applications and the correct group verifying the information. So I want to thank you for that and updating it because we do use it almost daily. So thank you for doing that.

- You're very welcome. And thank you for pointing that out.

- The other piece to that is David's talking about 2050. So I keep thinking, I'm hoping to be alive in 2050. That's my first goal as I'm thinking about that. So I've got a reason to live up to that point. Strategically, where is council heading with this? When I say that I know that you're new, this might be looking out in the future, but you know, we all do credential evaluations, and we all do all of this stuff.

And council has the resources. We look at Nursys. Then we're going to have Nursys Canada. And so I'm asking the question, do you have anything strategically you're looking at where the Global Atlas might head in documentation and maybe downloading information to something into the council for international licensing?

- We haven't actually discussed that framework as of yet, but that's actually a really good idea. And I think it's something that's absolutely worth discussing at NCSBN and something I will bring up. So I appreciate the suggestion in that regard. Thank you.

- [Jenifer] I would be remiss, we did not place the website link on our presentation. It is regulatoryatlas.com, easy access there, or you can find it on ncsbn.org. It's at the bottom in our nice logo.

- Thank you.

- Thank you, everyone.