

Mapped to the Joint Commission RUAIH™ Certification Standards

Organizational certification confirms the system is governed. This framework is what confirms the nurse using it is ready.

The Joint Commission's Responsible Use of AI in Healthcare (RUAIH™) certification recognizes health systems that have governance, data management, risk and bias reduction, safety monitoring, and transparency and training practices in place. It certifies the organization. It does not certify the individual clinician applying an AI-generated recommendation at the bedside. The Eight-Domain AI Competency Framework closes that gap — translating each RUAIH pillar into a corresponding competency nurses can be trained on, assessed against, and held accountable to.

	AI COMPETENCY DOMAIN	RUAIH™ ALIGNMENT
1	Foundational AI Literacy	Transparency, Education & Training — Workforce Education · Human Oversight
2	Data Stewardship	Effective Data Management — Data Quality & Integrity · Privacy & Data Protection
3	Clinical Decision Support & Judgment Integration	Monitoring, Evaluating & Validating Safety Performance — Human Oversight · Risk Mitigation
4	Human–AI Interaction	Transparency, Education & Training — Patient-Centered Communication · Safe Workflow Integration
5	Ethical & Legal Responsibility	Governance — Governance & Accountability · Legal Responsibility · Privacy & Security
6	Quality & Safety Oversight	Monitoring, Evaluating & Validating Safety Performance — Ongoing Monitoring · Equity Monitoring
7	AI Leadership & Advocacy	Governance — Governance & Oversight · Workforce Engagement · Interdisciplinary Collaboration
8	Innovation & Transformation	Risk & Bias Reduction — Responsible Innovation · Human-Centered Design · Scalability

Why the Mapping Matters

RUAIH™ certification tells patients and regulators that a health system has built the structure to use AI responsibly. It does not verify that any individual nurse can apply clinical judgment to an AI-generated recommendation in real time. The Eight-Domain Framework, paired with the AI Safety Pause™, provides the individual-level competency layer that organizational certification was never designed to reach.

AI informs. The nurse decides.

Full framework, clinical vignettes, and implementation guidance: Susan Deane, EdD, MSN, CNE, RN — Founder, The Digital Stethoscope · Co-Founder, Nurses for AI™