

Global Signature Recognition for Nurse Practitioners in California

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Background

- California is one of 15 states in the nation with a regulatory structure that restricts nurse practitioner (NP) practice, including the lack of a global approach to signature recognition
- Global statutes authorize NPs to: “sign, attest, certify, stamp, verify, endorse, or provide an affidavit for any form that a physician can supply, provided it is within the nurse practitioner’s scope of practice”

Purpose Statement

- To develop a roadmap to action using a Delphi technique to support legislation for global signature recognition (GSR) for NPs in California

Policy Delphi

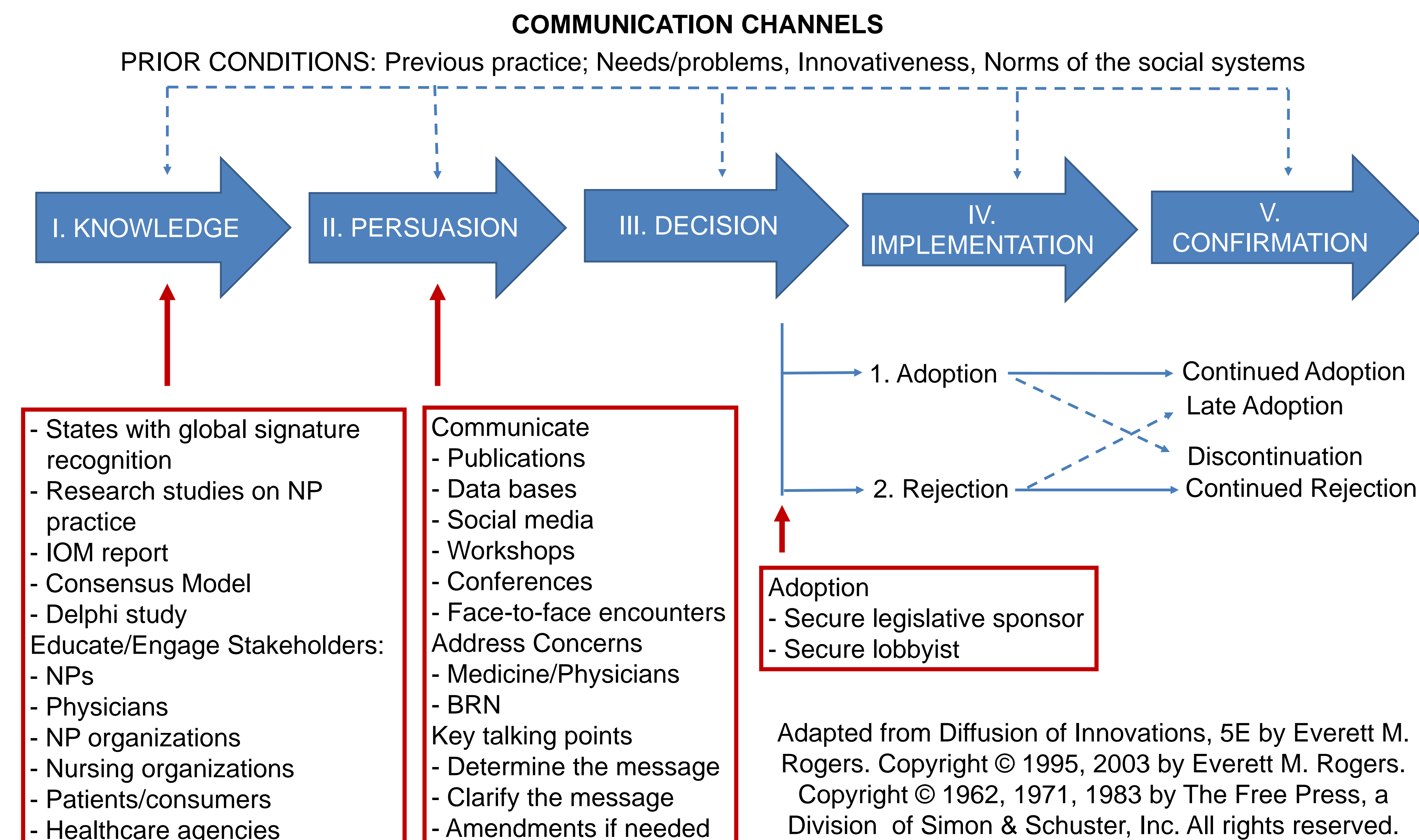
Purposive sampling followed by snowball sampling: clinical NPs, nursing faculty, nursing administrators, physicians, leaders in nursing organizations/agencies

Round 1: 21/33 participants (63.64%)
Development of emerging themes

Round 2: 19/21 participants (90.47%)
Clarity for effect and relevance

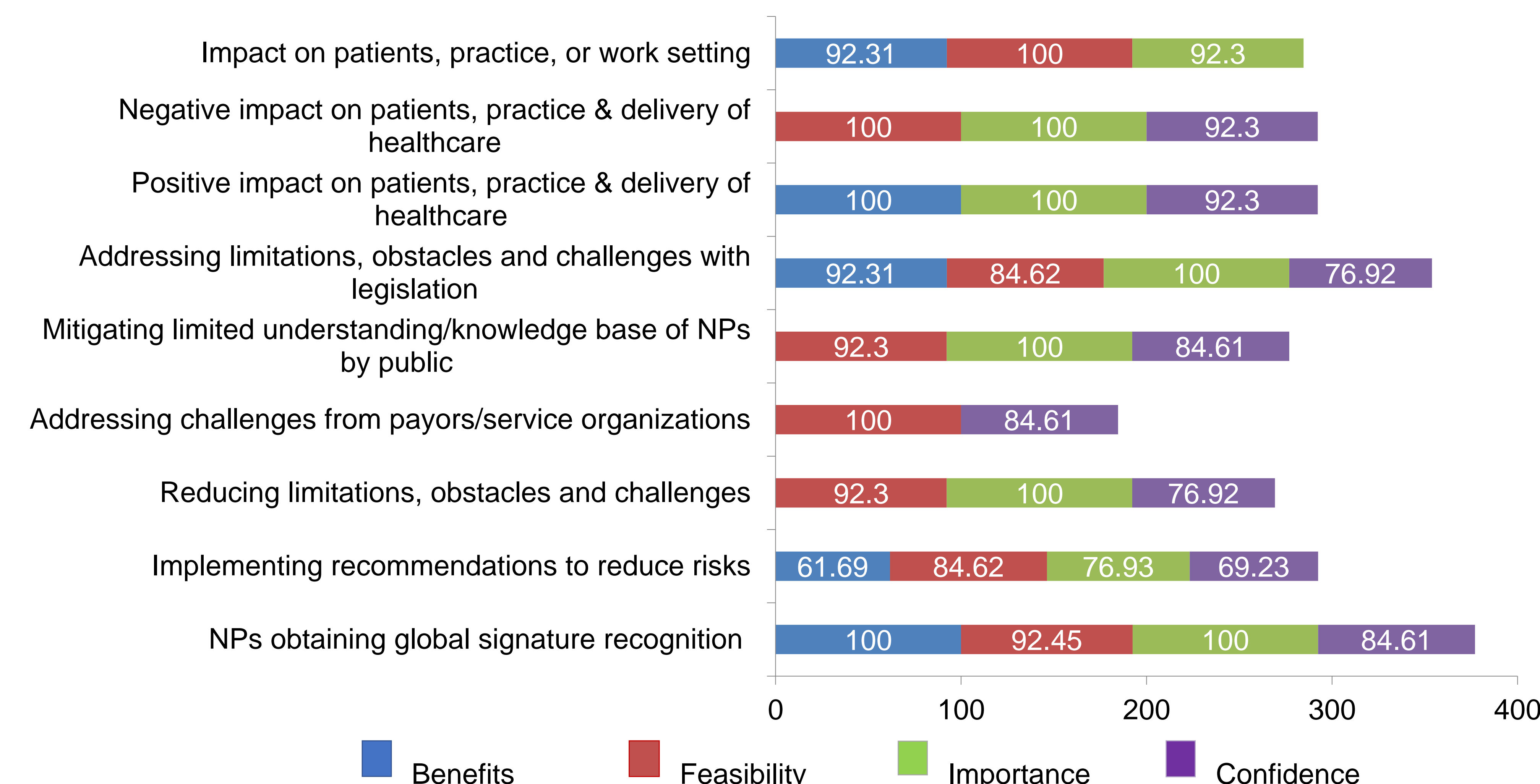
Round 3: 13/19 participants (68.42%)
Determine Benefits, Feasibility, Importance, and Confidence

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Results

Participants Views on the Benefits, Feasibility, Importance of GSR and their Confidence of its Attainability in California



Themes Defining a Roadmap to Action

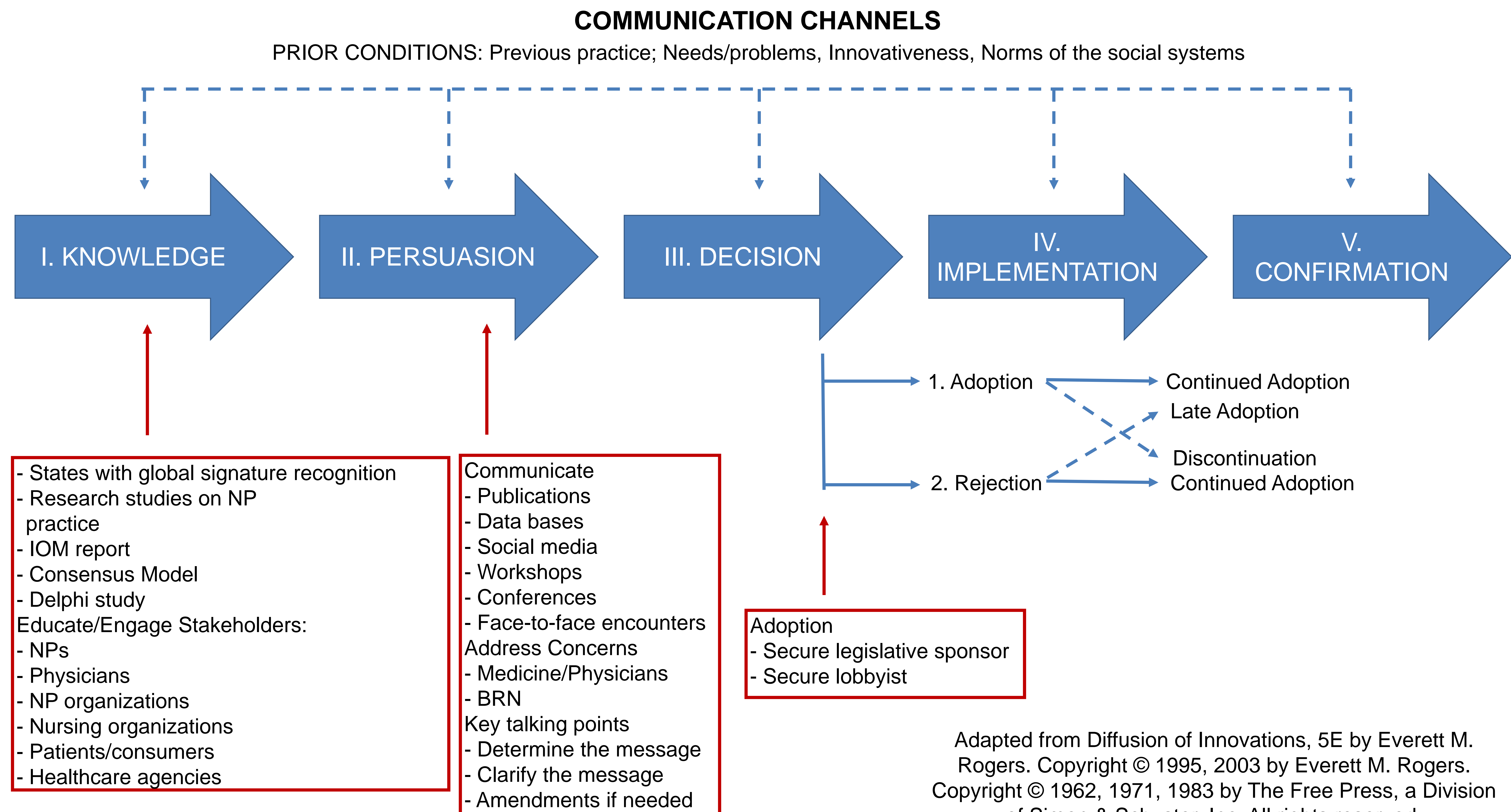
- Barriers to NP practice: GSR**
 - Removes barriers for NPs
 - Facilitates comprehensive care
 - Improves patient access/streamlines care
 - Enables ability to sign death certificates
- Effect on physicians: GSR**
 - Streamlines physician workflow
 - Ensures role of physicians is not diminished
 - Improves coordination/efficiency of care and patient, staff, physician satisfaction
 - Recognizes the care NPs can provide
- Education focus:**
 - NP training/knowledge of their scope of practice
 - Strengthen public knowledge and understanding of NP scope of practice
 - NP students receive training/knowledge of NP scope of practice
 - Agencies' recognition of NP signatures
- Cost**
 - Educating NPs on GSR
 - Redesigning forms to include NP
 - Containing rising costs of healthcare with implementation of GSR

Conclusion

Roadmap to global signature recognition

- Focus on the patient
- Benefits to physicians
- Educate NPs on scope of practice
- Educate agencies/public on role of NP
- Contain costs

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