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nursed and thanked nurses came to re-dress her ulcers and they spoke to her about the care plan, but she didn't feel involved in decision-making about her care. Audrey then expressed to Dani that her other nurses, who are much younger than Dani, never ask her opinion regarding the ulcer management; hence, she was not willing to speak up. Audrey thought that having an honest communication about her needs and views could create problems for her or for the nurses if it seemed that she had reported them.Dani then reassured and encouraged Audrey that the situation will be addressed in a professional manner, and none of the other nurses would feel they had been reported; however, they would involve her in her care and decision-making, which is the expectation. Audrey was then comfortable, communicated in a suitable tone and maintained eye contact with Dani. She asked Dani if she could bandage her right leg first, as she tends to be in pain for a long time when the left one is dressed first. Dani gained consent from Audrey, explained the procedure and advised Audrey to stop her whenever she experienced pain. Dani also asked Audrey a bit more about her pain and her analgesia. Dani identified that Audrey's analgesia had not been reviewed for over 3 years. Dani explained to Audrey that she would make a referral to her GP about this matter. Audrey was very pleased and indicated she was happy with how Dani had communicated with her; she felt she could trust her. Dani was also pleased, because she could provide the best care for Audrey. Another important factor that can affect effective communication is the environmental factor. Norouzinia et al (2016) revealed that the hospital environment is a barrier to effective communication for patients. Additionally, Tay et al. (2011) indicated the possibility of unilateral communication due to the hierarchical structure of the hospital environment. Conversely, although nurses may feel quite comfortable in the hospital or inpatient setting, they might feel relatively intimidated when visiting a patient's home. Therefore, an awareness of the contextual discomfort and how it may affect communication is important and should be considered when planning for effective two-way communication between the nurse and patient during home visits. Although all these factors are important in communication, a full discussion of these is beyond the scope of this paper and should be the focus of another complete work in the model case described in Box 2, the nurse acknowledged that she was privileged to be a guest in Audrey's home, and she tailored her strategy to gain Audrey's perspective. The nurse's aim was to get Audrey involved in her care decision-making since Audrey knows herself best. Additionally, Audrey's participation in the decision-making made it possible for her to receive her preferred care. This shows that effective communication is bidirectional, and both partners (nurse and patient) must work together to achieve their desired outcomes, in this case, the patient's satisfaction with care and the nurse's ability to provide the best care.ConclusionEffective communication in nursing is clearly a complex, multidimensional and multifactorial concept. Factors such as emotions, general appearance, personality trait, mood and level of education on communication may influence the practice and outcome of effective communication. However, effective communication is an ultimate determinant of success for a nurse. Effective communication was defined as a mutual agreement and satisfaction of care for both patients and nurses. It has been linked to precede the achievement of concordance in patients, and in nurses, it influences clinical reasoning and the nursing process. This aids in implementing compassionate person-centred care and, when successful, it promotes positive patient outcomes and satisfaction with nursing care. Thus, effective communication is an important concept to prioritise in nursing education and practice. For this reason, engaging nurses in communication skills and on-the-job training will empower them to communicate effectively with their patients. As endorsed by Rodgers's (1989), the outcome of this analysis is not the endpoint of the concept but should direct the future exploration of effective communication. Therefore, a systematic study of effective communication between nurses and patients as well as a systematic review considering effective communication among nurses and patients with underlying communication difficulties, cognitive disabilities and intercultural perspectives can ultimately enhance nursing science.KEY POINTSEffective communication is a key component of nursing practiceEffective communication is intentional in nature and can be improved through direct actions taken by the nurseCommunication is a complex phenomenon and is an essential element of building trust and consent in nursingConcept analysis is the basic way of understanding complex concepts and developing different meanings and perceptionsCPD REFLECTIVE QUESTIONSHow might concept analysis be relevant in nursing studies or practice?What does effective communication mean to you?What are some challenges nurses face in communicating effectively?How can an interpersonal relationship between nurses and patients influence effective communication? Written By: Darby Faubion BSN, RN Communication is one of the most powerful tools nurses use when providing patient care. Because communication can impact every aspect of work and nurse-patient relationships, nurses must learn how to improve communication in nursing and implement measures for effective communication. In this article, you will learn the importance of therapeutic communication and find 18 useful tips to improve communication in nursing. Who Do Nurses Communicate With?A nurse's job requires communication with several people each day. Nurses must collaborate with nursing peers and other members of the healthcare delivery team, including physicians and nursing assistants. Interdepartmental communication is necessary to provide effective patient care and involves nurses speaking with dietary workers, radiology technicians, and laboratory staff. Nurses also communicate with patients, family members, and other caregivers. Nurses must learn how to communicate verbally with patients and recognize nonverbal cues, which could indicate a change in their patients' status. For example, a patient may report his pain is a 2 on a scale of 1 to 10, but exhibit grimacing facial expressions and guarded behavior, indicating his pain is higher than his verbal report. The fear of the unknown can cause undue stress for patients and their families. Nurses can alleviate some of the stress clients and their loved ones experience by keeping communication open and honest. Communicating with one another and documenting when care is provided or withheld, the likelihood of errors related to treatment lessens. According to the Code of Ethics for Nurses established by the American Nurses Association, patient advocacy involves a therapeutic relationship and communication between the nurse and patient. Advocating for patients involves identifying patient concerns and working to alleviate fear, creating better experiences for the patient. Many patients have needs that extend beyond their immediate medical concerns. For example, you may be assigned to a patient with a history of diabetes who requires a special diabetic diet, and one who has religious beliefs that prohibit them from engaging in certain activities. Taking the time to discuss your patients' medical history and personal preferences is an essential part of developing a plan of care conducive to their physical and mental well-being. Social determinants such as lack of stable housing, poverty, food insecurity, and unemployment are associated with increased rates of chronic health conditions that lead to morbidity and mortality. Communicating with patients to understand the social determinants affecting them is essential to developing care plans focused on addressing these factors and positively impacting patient outcomes. Nurses typically spend more time with patients than other caregivers. By using effective communication skills, the nurse can better understand the patient's status, allowing them to provide care on a deeper, more personal level. There are several things you can do to help promote good communication in nursing. The following are examples of components that foster an environment conducive to therapeutic communication between patients, their loved ones, nurses, and peers. Be engaged by making eye contact with the other person. Even if your patient does not keep eye contact with you, it is important for you to maintain eye contact as people tend to look up when they finish a sentence or ask a question. If your patient looks at you and finds your eyes wandering elsewhere, she may feel like what she is saying is not important to you. One of the fastest ways to lose the interest of someone else is to make them feel as if what they are saying is not important to you. You can prevent this by becoming an attentive listener. In addition to maintaining eye contact, nod your head and smile, when appropriate. Anything you can do to signal the other person that what they are saying is important to you will help foster effective communication in nursing. When you communicate with others, it is necessary to keep in mind there is a difference between simply talking and talking with intention. Use words that are meaningful and relevant to the topic. Avoid wandering to different subjects as this can cause confusion, especially if your patient is already experiencing issues with orientation. The best communicators acknowledge that it sometimes takes others longer to process information or form a response. As nurses, we understand illness or disease can hinder ones ability to comprehend what they hear or the way they convey responses. Good communication in nursing means being patient and giving others time to say what they want or need to say. It is normal to have expectations when you have a conversation with someone else. You may begin communication anticipating a certain response or reaction from the other person. Although it is okay to have a goal in mind when you begin communicating, it is also important to remember to be flexible. Being receptive to what the other person is trying to tell you is an excellent way to build a therapeutic relationship, as it leaves your patients and peers feeling like what they say is important. You may be surprised to learn how much you say when you are not speaking. Good communication in nursing requires being aware of your body language and the message(s) that it sends. Standing with your arms crossed or hovering over a patient can make them feel anxious or nervous. Instead, try to find a chair and sit beside your patient. Be relaxed and attentive as this will help your patient relax and foster therapeutic communication. It is possible to demonstrate understanding and compassion, even if you have not been in the same situation your patient is now facing. Taking the time to listen to what others say and putting forth the effort to understand their thoughts and feelings helps promote trust which can build strong nurse-patient relationships. One of the most important, and often overlooked, components of effective communication is feedback. Giving and receiving feedback allows you and others to verify information was received and understood. When communicating with patients, a great way to get feedback to determine their understanding is to ask open-ended questions and allow time for them to respond. The way nurses communicate with one another, their patients, and caregivers can significantly impact relationships. Your tone of voice, body language, and willingness to listen reflect how you feel and can cause a patient to feel at ease or increase anxiety. In the following scenarios, you will find examples of effective communication skills in nursing. You will find a mock situation and examples of good and bad nurse responses for each scenario. Mr. Simms presents to the emergency department with hypertension and complaints of chest pain and states, "I just lost the biggest contract I've ever had and am scared my business is going to close. I know you're upset about your business deal going bad, but you need to calm down before you have a heart attack." The nurse responds to Mr. Simms by saying, "I understand you must feel overwhelmed. Were you experiencing chest pain before you learned about the contract? If so, can you tell me when your symptoms began?" Miss West is a patient in triage accompanied by her boyfriend. Although Miss West is alert and appears oriented, her boyfriend continually interrupts her and answers your questions. Miss West does not make eye contact and seems anxious every time her boyfriend speaks. "Sir, I need you to stop interrupting Miss West, or I'll have to ask you to leave. She is the patient and does not need you to speak for her." "Thank you so much for bringing Miss West in. I'm sure it is a relief to have someone to count on. At this time, I need to ask you to step outside for a few moments so I can help Miss West prepare to be examined. As soon as she is ready, I will come to get you so you can be with her." Mrs. Jones husband passed away two years ago. Despite visits from her children and friends, she still cries almost daily. Mrs. Jones tells you, "I just dont know if I can keep living like this. He was my world. Mrs. Jones, it has been two years since your husband died. You need to gather your composure and move on. There are other things to worry about that you can help with. I know it's hard, but you are making things harder on yourself." "Mrs. Jones, I realize the loss you must feel since your husband passed away. It is okay to feel sad and cry. Grief is a natural part of life and is the price of loving someone. I want you to know I am here if you need someone to talk to or if you just want someone to sit with you a while." Mr. Gordon visits his wife at the nursing home daily. Earlier today, Mrs. Gordon had to be moved to a temporary room due to flooding on her hallway from burst water pipes. Mr. Gordon, who had not yet been notified about the reason for his wives relocation, comes to the nurses desk yelling at the nursing staff. He states, "If you people dont have any more respect for me than to ask me before moving my wife, Ill take her somewhere else! Mr. Gordon, I don't have time to listen to you griping about something that isn't my fault. Maybe if you had a better attitude, nurses wouldn't dread talking to you when changes need to be made. Your wife will be back to her room as soon as we can get to it." "Mr. Gordon, I understand you must have been taken by surprise to find your wife was not in her normal room. A water pipe burst in her hallway, and several residents were moved to prevent falls and injuries. Our maintenance team is working as fast as possible to repair the leak. Housekeeping is on stand-by to make sure all water is cleaned up so we can get your wife and the other displaced residents back to their rooms. Why don't I show you to your wife so you can visit while we get things taken care of?" Every aspect of patient-centered care involves some type of communication. Patients and healthcare teams rely on effective communication to build strong relationships and work together. As a nursing instructor, I cannot stress the importance of effective communication skills in nursing enough. Here are some tips on ways you can improve your communication skills. Effective communication skills in nursing include the way you relate to patients, their loved ones, and your peers. When speaking with patients or their caregivers, use concise language without talking to them in a demeaning way. When communicating with healthcare team members, use correct terminology and be direct, making sure to ask for clarification if needed. Body language is the process of nonverbal communication through conscious or unconscious use of gestures and movements. Conscious efforts of body language include using hand motions or facial expressions such as a smile or frown to differentiate between happiness and sadness. Unconscious body language may occur when your patient grimaces in pain or turns away from an unpleasant smell. Observant nurses learn to recognize changes in their patient's body language and compare what the patient says to what his body language suggests. Much like your tone of voice can send a message, nonverbal communication has a tone of delivery. For instance, your body language can convey a sense of empathy and compassion, which promotes healthy dialogue between nurses and their patients. It can be difficult for some people to open up to others, especially if they are sick or afraid. An excellent way to promote communication in the nurse-patient relationship is to show genuine interest in what your patient says. Please pay attention to nonverbal cues as much as you do their verbal communication. When patients feel that their nurses or other healthcare providers are rushed or disinterested, it can hinder therapeutic communication. Remember that illness, disease, and some medications, may alter a patient's mental status or cause confusion. Give them time to process the questions you ask and formulate answers. Allow them to find the words they need to answer you without feeling like you would rather be somewhere else. It is normal for patients to feel anxious or afraid, especially when faced with a new diagnosis or sudden illness or injury. When a nurse has a positive attitude, it can ease patients' tension or frustration. Keep in mind having a positive attitude does not mean you should be dishonest. Instead, you can be honest but try to find something good in every situation. For example, if Mr. Smith has been diagnosed with cancer, you should acknowledge his thoughts and feelings but follow up by encouraging him that you (and the rest of the healthcare team) will work alongside him throughout his treatment. One of the first things a nurse should do when preparing to talk with a patient or family member is to create an atmosphere that promotes comfort and effective communication. When appropriate, pull the privacy curtain and/or close the patient's door. Sit at the bedside instead of standing over your patient. Talk calmly and allow your patient time to respond to questions. Creating an atmosphere for comfortable conversation is much easier than bridging the gap caused by ineffective communication. Active listening means you listen to understand, not just respond. When speaking to a patient or colleague, sit close enough to make them feel comfortable and like they have your attention. Not your head to help them feel engaged. Do not cross your arms and allow your body to be relaxed instead of rigid. Always make eye contact, as looking around the room can make others feel you are not concerned with their thoughts or feelings. Emotionally intelligent nurses find it easier to identify nonverbal cues and articulate their own thoughts more effectively, reducing the risk of miscommunication. When nurses exercise emotional intelligence, nurse-patient and interprofessional relationships are strengthened. Patients who are sick or worried may not feel like talking. One of the best ways to foster effective communication in nursing is to use open-ended questions. Imagine you have a patient being treated for a fractured forearm. Instead of saying, "Are you in pain?" ask your patient, "Can you describe the pain for me?" By asking a question that requires more than a yes or no answer, you promote effective communication between you and your patient. Nurses are busy people. It is common for some nurses to be responsible for several patients during one shift. When you have multiple patients who require your attention, it can be easy to rush through your work. Unfortunately, doing so can create a barrier to effective communication. Take the time to be attentive when your patient tries to communicate with you. Some patients have trouble communicating, whether it is due to physical impediments or anxiety. However, all patients deserve the courtesy of your attention. Patients have diverse religions, cultures, and backgrounds that may impact how they communicate with others. Common hand gestures or practices are not accepted by all cultures. Nurses should strive to practice cultural awareness, promoting effective communication in nursing. You may have an outgoing personality and find communicating easy, but not everyone does. If you find communicating with a patient or their loved one difficult, ask for input from a member of your team. The solution may be as simple as your patient knowing your coworker personally and feeling comfortable with them. The important thing to remember is your patient needs to communicate, and sometimes that means you need to ask for help. Effective communication in nursing requires being attentive to and aware of your patient's unique situation(s). Using a holistic nursing approach to find out any events your patient may have experienced which has impacted their well-being can help you better understand your patient's concerns. For example, your patient may have received news of a loved one's death, or they may have experienced a recent change in their family dynamics. These events may have impacted their ability to communicate. When you have a patient who is not communicating, try to understand the reasons behind their behavior. The nurse's role is to promote a therapeutic relationship. Effective communication in nursing means knowing when alternative ways of communicating are required and successfully implementing efforts to foster communication. Children may communicate by drawing or pointing to pictures or the part of their body that hurts. Adults may have experienced a stroke that left them unable to speak but able to write. In this case, having a pen and paper or a dry erase board may help facilitate effective communication. Role-play is a type of communication where verbal communication, nonverbal communication, or a combination of both are used to demonstrate a patient's experiences. While role-play can be used with adults, it is a common type of communication used with children who may not be able to convey their thoughts or feelings verbally. When alone, patients may experience increased anxiety or stress. When possible, and if your patient agrees, include their loved ones when discussing care plans and teaching. Patients in complex situations tend to be more at ease when they have someone they know and trust, and nurses who understand this need find communication easier. Being in a hospital or other healthcare facility can be scary. Your patients may feel helpless or depressed. Showing compassion by treating patients with dignity and respect promotes therapeutic relationships, which foster an environment suited for improved patient outcomes. Effective communication is an essential part of any business or relationship. While therapeutic communication between nurses, patients, and peers can build solid relationships and positively impact patient outcomes, there are also consequences of poor communication in nursing. The following are examples of outcomes of poor communication skills and behaviors in nursing. When nurses fail to practice effective communication, it can lead to misconstrued or misunderstood information about a patient's condition or symptoms. This issue can lead to improper treatment decisions or delayed treatment, hurting the patient's potential outcome. The lack of effective communication among the nursing team can lead to misinformation about treatments or procedures being performed or withheld. In some cases, nurses feel increased pressure to get a job done that another nurse may have already accomplished, making their workload more stressful. Ineffective communication between patients and nurses can result in patients who feel confused about their treatment plan or follow-up instructions. Nurses and nursing staff should keep an open line of communication with one another and with their patients. Some things that seem simple, like lowering a patient's side rails or assisting a patient to a bedside commode, can result in patient accidents if staff is not aware to check on the patient or the patient does not understand to use the call light to ask for help. In 2016, the CRICO Strategies CBS Report, Malpractice Risks in Communication Failures, found that thirty percent of all malpractice claims involved failed communication. Of the 23,000 malpractice lawsuits filed, more than 7,000 were related to poor communication, costing nearly 2,000 lives. Unless you have an administrative or management position in nursing, you may not realize how patient satisfaction affects your job. Funding resources often consider patient satisfaction surveys to determine whether to support healthcare facilities financially. Poor patient satisfaction means less private funding and increased chances of patients seeking care elsewhere, both of which can be detrimental to the stability of your job. Nurses participate in report at the end/beginning of their shifts. During report, nurses can discuss their patients' status, physicians' orders, and any other pertinent information. Even if something is missed during the verbal report, nurses rely on documentation, which is a form of nonverbal communication. Failure to follow through with effective communication when documenting patient care increases the chance of medication errors, leading to issues with patient safety and the potential for loss of jobs. One thing successful nurses have in common is that they strive to learn something new each day. Developing effective communication skills in nursing requires deliberate effort. There are several resources available for nurses to help improve communication skills. The following are examples of resources, including TEDx Talks, Reddit communities, YouTube videos, podcasts, and books. The way nurses communicate with patients and their peers can determine work environment, patient responses, and affect patient outcomes. Throughout this article, we addressed how to improve communication in nursing in the hopes of helping you develop stronger relationships with patients and your healthcare team. By implementing these 18 useful tips to improve communication in nursing, you can help foster therapeutic relationships with your patients, significantly impacting patient outcomes. Several things could indicate you are a good communicator. If you are approachable, a good listener, open-minded, and well-spoken, these are positive signs of good communication skills in nursing. Everyone communicates on some level, verbally or nonverbally. Nurses must communicate effectively with patients, caregivers, and team members to do their jobs. A lack of good communication skills can undoubtedly impact your nursing career. Therapeutic communication is a skill nurses should strive to use daily with patients, their loved ones, and coworkers. Nurses can implement methods to improve communication skills in nursing almost immediately. Nursing students learn the importance of therapeutic communication and ways to implement effective communication measures and are advised to build upon those skills daily. Improving the skill of therapeutic communication should be a lifelong process. Communication is a vital tool for all members of the healthcare team. Good communication skills help develop strong nurse-patient and interdisciplinary relationships and help improve patient outcomes. Effective communication is also instrumental in reducing healthcare costs, preventing medication errors, and minimizing the risk of injuries. Therefore, all nurses should strive to develop good communication skills. While verbal communication is the primary source of relaying messages between nurses, patients, and the healthcare team, nurses must also be aware of nonverbal cues, indicating things patients may not be forthcoming about. Therefore, it is vital for all nurses to develop effective communication skills and learn different types of communication. Darby Faubion BSN, RN Darby Faubion is a nurse and Allied Health educator with over twenty years of experience. She has assisted in developing curriculum for nursing programs and has instructed students at both community college and university levels. Because of her love of nursing education, Darby became a test-taking strategist and NCLEX prep coach and assists nursing graduates across the United States who are preparing to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). To be a successful healthcare provider, clinical nurse or nurse leader, you need exceptional communication skills and you need to be able to use them during high-stress situations. Having good communication skills is essential to collaborating on teams with your fellow nurses and colleagues from other disciplines. Its also important to patient-centered care. Nurses who take the time to listen and understand the concerns of each of their patients are better prepared to address issues that arise, resulting in better patient outcomes. On the other hand, poor communication, or lack of communication in healthcare, can lead to patients misunderstanding directions and failing to follow treatment protocols. It can also lead to workflow breakdowns on the team, resulting in a medical error. A report by the Joint Commission found that poor communication in healthcare during patient transfers contributed to 80% of serious medical errors. Additionally, patients who have established an open and secure dialogue with a nurse or healthcare provider are more likely to disclose the true extent of their symptoms. Healthcare communication competency offers a primary means for establishing a trusting, collaborative relationship with patients and families. Interpersonal communication skills influence the quality of decisions made, as well as the level of patient motivation to follow treatment protocols and achieve desired clinical outcomes. For nurses, good communication in healthcare means approaching every patient interaction with the intention to understand the patients concerns, experiences, and opinions. This includes using verbal and nonverbal communication skills, along with active listening and patient teach-back techniques. Below, we explore 10 communication skills that are important for nurses. Excellent verbal communication is key. Aim to always speak with clarity, accuracy, and honesty. Its also important to know your audience and speak appropriately according to the persons age, culture, and level of health literacy. If you are feeling stressed out or frustrated, be aware of your tone of voice and dont let these emotions leak into your patient interaction. You can Encourage patients to communicate by asking open questions like, Can you tell me a bit more about that? Avoid condescending pet names like honey or sweetie and instead use the patients first name or name of choice. Speak in clear, complete sentences and avoid technical jargon. Using elements of nonverbal communicationsuch as facial expressions, eye contact, body language, gestures, posture, and tone of voiceis also essential in creating rapport. Simply smiling can go a long way. You can also: Show interest in what the patient is saying by maintaining eye contact and nodding your head. Smile, but dont stare. Sit down when you can, and lean forward to show youre engaged. Use nonthreatening body language that conveys openness. Active listening means listening in order to understand the other persons experience. The highest and most effective form of listening requires complete attention and engagement. This skill is important not only for clinical nurses but also for nurse executives and other healthcare providers as a tool for building trust and commitment with their staff. Active listening includes both verbal and nonverbal communication skills. For example: Nod your head, but never interrupt. Lean forward and maintain eye contact to let the person know youre engaged. Include minimal verbal encouragement, such as I understand, and go on. Written communication skills are also essential for effective nurse-to-nurse communication. As a nurse, you will be responsible for creating and updating the patients medical record. It is critical that the medical record is accurate and current so your patients can receive the best care possible. Also, remember to protect patient confidentiality. Some tips: Make notes immediately following patient care so you do not forget anything. Write legibly and clearly, using simple language. Be sure to note accurate dates and times. Effective presentation skills are most applicable during handoverwhen you are transferring patient care to another nurse or other healthcare providers. These skills will also help you demonstrate your knowledge and expertise clearly in a variety of workplace settings, such as presenting at conferences, participating in job interviews, giving case reports to physicians, and more. Its a good idea to: Plan out your presentation and practice. Pay attention to both your verbal communication and body language. Add visuals to your presentation for a better explanation. Understand your audience and know what they want and need from the presentation. Nurses are in charge of most of the communication between the healthcare team and patients. This includes informing patients and family members of health conditions, diagnoses, treatment plans, and medication protocols. This skill is especially important for family nurse practitioners who work with patients and families to provide health and education counseling. Patients teach-back is an effective communication strategy where providers ask patients to repeat the information back to them. This method improves patient understanding and encourages adherence to care instructions. Poor understanding of information can cause patients and their family members to feel anxious or become defensive. For example, you can say: Weve gone over a lot of information. Now Id like you to repeat it back to me to make sure you remember everything. Can you repeat the instructions for taking this medicine back to me? Lets review what we just discussed. Can you explain it to me in your own words? Its important to get to know the person behind the patient. Patient-centered relationships are critical in helping patients feel safe and comfortable. Creating meaningful connections with patients can improve outcomes and trust. Some ideas: Spend a couple of extra minutes every day with each patient getting to know them. Find out a fun fact about each patient. Show interest in their lives and share stories of your own. Its important for healthcare professionals to inspire trust in patients by listening actively and taking every complaint and concern seriously. Building trust takes time. Healthcare settings are scary for some patients. Its important to make them feel as comfortable as possible. Trust is something that nurse educators and leaders should also cultivate as they work to develop the next generation of nurses. To inspire trust, nurse leaders and educators should: Always tell the truth. Share information openly. Be willing to admit mistakes. You will likely work with people every day who come from a wide range of social, cultural, and educational backgrounds. Every patient and coworker is unique, and its important to be aware of this sensitivity. For example, gauge the patients fluency with English and grade your vocabulary accordingly or bring in a translator if necessary and possible. With trans and gender nonbinary patients, be sure to use their preferred name and pronoun. Conveying compassion is an essential communication skill in healthcare. Studies show that compassion can assist in prompting fast recovery from acute illness, enhancing the management of chronic illness, and relieving anxiety. You can deliver compassionate nursing care by putting yourself in the patients shoes and understanding their needs and expectations. Sometimes the message sent is not always received the way it was desired. Communication barriers in nursing result in weak patient-nurse interactions and relationships. To overcome these, we must first understand the types of communication barriers that nurses face. In the article Communication and Language Needs,. Three common communication barriers in nursing: physical, social, and psychological. The environment in which you communicate with a patient can make a huge difference in effective communication. Busy, loud, and distracting settings can increase patient stress. To create a safe and comfortable environment, try closing doors, opening blinds, and mitigating outside noises whenever you can. Social barriers include differences in language, religion, culture, age, and customs. Understanding each patients cultural background can help nurses avoid prejudice and communicate clearly. Its a good idea to tailor your communication strategies depending on the patients age, as well. Anxiety and stress are psychological barriers, as are dementia and other cognitive conditions. To help reduce their influence, it helps to take extra time to listen, empathize, and be supportive. Such psychosocial care has been proven to improve patient health outcomes and quality of life. Nurses may also need to overcome their own psychological barriers. Speaking to patients and family members about death, disease, and other sensitive topics can be distressing. Many nurses experience feelings of anxiety when discussing patient medical needs and conditions. The Joint Commission. Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare Releases Targeted Solutions Tool for Hand-Off Communications. Joint Commission Perspectives 32, no. 8 (August 2012): 1. 3. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Use the Teach-Back Method; Tool #5. Last reviewed September 2020. . Chen, Cassandra Siyun, Sally Wai-Chi Chan, Moon Fai Chan, Suk Foon Yap, Wenru Wang, and Yanika Kowitlawakul. Nurses Perceptions of Psychosocial Care and Barriers to Its Provision: A Qualitative Study. The Journal of Nursing Research 25, no. 6 (2017): 411418. Stories are the threads that bind us; through them, we understand each other, grow, and healJOHN NOORD Connect with Nurses Lab Editorial Team I hope you found this information helpful. Do you have any questions or comments? Kindly write in comments section. Subscribe the Blog with your email so you can stay updated on upcoming events and the latest articles. Previous Article Narcotic drug & psychotropic substances-CNS depressants-Synthetics narcotics Next Article Intentional Torts in Nursing Aim: To examine the feedback given by nurse educators and clinicians on the quality of communication skills of nurses in interactions with simulated patients. Background: The quality of communication in interactions between nurses and patients has a major influence on patient outcomes. To support the development of effective nursing communication in clinical practice, a good understanding of what constitutes effective communication is helpful. Design: An exploratory design was used involving individual interviews, focus groups and written notes from participants and field notes from researchers to investigate perspectives on nurse-patient communication. Methods: Focus groups and individual interviews were held between August 2010-September 2011 with a purposive sample of 15 nurse educators and clinicians who observed videos of interactions between nurses and simulated patients. These participants were asked to give oral feedback on the quality and content of these interactions. Verbatim transcriptions were undertaken of all data collected. All written notes and field notes were also transcribed. Thematic analysis of the data was undertaken. Findings: Four major themes related to nurse-patient communication were derived from the educators' and clinicians' feedback: approach to patients and patient care, manner towards patients, techniques used for interacting with patients and generic aspects of communication. Conclusion: This study has added to previous research by contributing grounded evidence from a group of nurse educators and clinicians on the aspects of communication that are relevant for effective nurse-patient interactions in clinical practice. Keywords: communication; education; educator; feedback; nurse-patient communication; nurse-patient interaction; nursing; supervisor.

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