

Component 2: The Culture of Health Care

Unit 6: Nursing Care Processes Lecture 2

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The Focus of this Lecture

- Clinical Judgment
- Nursing Process
- Critical Thinking
- Medication Administration

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What is clinical judgment

- Clinical judgment is an essential path to acquiring the reflective ability and knowledge to understand the condition and needs of the patients.
- Requires intellectual and professional maturity, the ability to pay attention, to reason and summarize gathered data. (Margot Phaneuf, RN, Dec 17, 2008, pg 5)

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What Processes Do Nurses Use to Make Clinical Judgments?

- Critical thinking or clinical reasoning
- Theoretical and experiential knowledge
- Nursing process (assessment, diagnosis, planning, interventions, evaluation)

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What is Critical Thinking

- It is a highly individualized complex activity that involves a unique kind of purposeful thinking. One word that explains critical thinking – **Reasoning**

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Critical Thinking

- Critical thinking is a commitment to look for the best way, based on the most current research and practice findings.
- Solid logical reasons for judgments and actions

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Medication Administration

- Chief responsibility of the nurse
- Critically thinking though the process will prevent medication errors
- Checking and rechecking is essential for the safety of the patient
- Documentation

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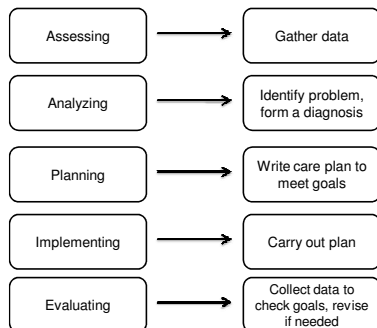
1. Right Drug
2. Right Dose
3. Right patient
4. Right route
5. Right time
6. Right documentation

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The Nursing Process



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Nursing Process

- An organizational framework for the practice of nursing
- Systematic system
- Central to all nursing care
- Encompasses all steps taken by the nurse in caring for a patient

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Benefits of Nursing Process

- Systematic and orderly method for planning & providing care
- Enhances nursing efficiency by standardizing nursing practice
- Facilitates documentation of care
- Common language for the nursing profession
- Stresses the independent function of nurses

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Five Steps of Nursing Process

- **Assessment** – comprehensive data collection of factors related to client health status.
- **Diagnosis** – a judgment that identifies actual and potential client health strengths and weaknesses (NANDA Approved Nursing Diagnosis)

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Nursing Process (continued)

- **Planning:** a two-phase step that determines health related goals and specifies a series of actions to be taken to attain them
- **Implementation:** execution of the action plan developed during planning.
- **Evaluation:** determining the effectiveness of the implemented action plan either to make needed revisions or restart nursing process.

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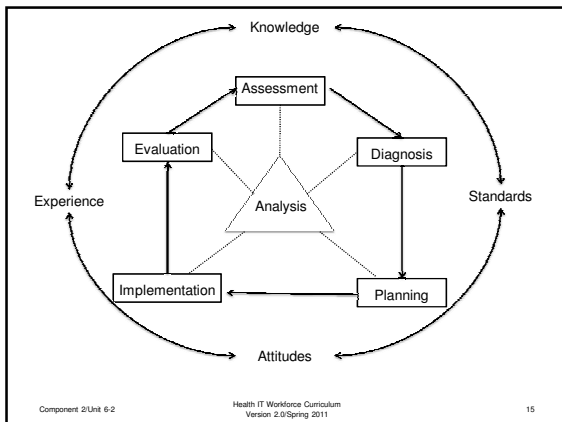
Benefits of Using the Nursing Process

- Provides ongoing continuity of care
- Prevention of duplication
- Individualized care
- Standards of care
- Encourages client participation
- Collaboration of care with healthcare team members.

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