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Dear Kristen, after reading your discussion post I must say that you did a commendable job while explaining the roles and importance of leadership in the context of nurses. I also agree with you that nurse leaders have a lot of impact on clinical practice. They are responsible to improve healthcare practices and the environment while facilitating other nurses so that they can take care of their patients effectively. In nursing evidence-based practice is highly regarded. Evidence-based nursing is a classical approach to make quality decisions while utilizing personal expertise and the latest research. This will ensure that patients are getting quality care in time (Shirey, 2006). I also admit that nurse-leaders are responsible for implementing and promoting evidence-based practices in healthcare facilities. I would like to add that every nurse aims to provide patient-centered care in which they are required to understand the cultural background of the patients and their desired treatment. However, in this case, patients do not agree upon the evidence-based practices (Oates & Jordan, 2000). Thus, a nurse leader must incorporate patients’ perspectives regarding health care and evidence-based practices to provide quality care.

As you mentioned in your discussion post the similarities of working as a restaurant server and being a nurse. I also agree with you to some extent as time management and delegation are no doubt the important aspects of both jobs. However, I feel that there is one major difference between the two and the difference is that a nurse has to make quick decisions to save a patient’s life while as a server we have a chance of a slight mistake. One other aspect of both nursing and restaurant server job is that in both work fields patients and customers' satisfaction is the most important thing. Therefore, it is necessary that in healthcare facilities nurse leaders must implement evidence-based practices to improve the level of customer satisfaction (Huston, 2008).

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