**Week 12**

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**Correlation between the nursing code of ethics and patient teaching**

The American nursing associated has formulated nine provisions under the nursing code of ethics to ensure that the welfare of the patient is taken care of and social justice is ensured to each patient. All these provisions provide the basic guidelines for the nursing profession. These provisions state that each patient is worthy of respect and should be treated with dignity. It serves as a map for the nurses using which they can maintain the integrity of their profession and integrate the laws of justice into their practice(Peterson & Potter, 2004).

Strong relation exists between the patient teachings and the nursing code of ethics. All the nine provisions serve as the basic guiding principles of the patient education and teaching strategies(“Patient education needs as reported by congestive heart failure patients and their nurses - Hagenhoff - 1994 - Journal of Advanced Nursing - Wiley Online Library,” n.d.). Teaching patients regarding their medical conditions and symptoms ensure that they take proper care of themselves and follow the proper doctor guidelines. Patient's education helps to reduce the risk of re-hospitalization and the possibility of error. The nursing provisions 1-5 provide the basic guidelines to the nurses so that they take care of patient not as a professional duty but a moral obligation. Understanding the patient’s temperament, learning ability, strengths and weaknesses is an important part of teaching patient. Nursing code of ethics ensures that nurses apply all the strategies, tools and knowledge to improve the patient's understanding of the health problem. Provision seven and four, specifically ensures that nurses adopt professional standards of development to take action for optimal patient care that is the basis of patient teaching.

Some patients are unable to take care of themselves, nurses need to teach the family of the patient about the patient care. Provision eight ensures that the rights of the patients are protected while teaching the patient and its family about the healthcare(*American Nurses Association: Ethics and Human Rights Statement*, n.d.).

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