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Health departments play an important role in any area in ensuring the health and well-being of the residents of the area. They offer a variety of services related to healthcare that are important for local citizens. Each health department has a jurisdiction which defines the areas which come under it.

In this case, the Jackson County health department is being analyzed. The health department provides a number of services which are important for the area. The health department plays an important role in ensuring vaccination against various diseases and testing against diseases such as Tuberculosis. The health department also looks after the quality of food at restaurants and the environmental quality of the area as well. This further increases the importance of the health department.

In any health department, the most important role played with respect to healthcare is that of nurses. They are the ones who are the first to interact with any patient coming in for treatment. It is important that any health department should have experienced and professional nurses to ensure the well-being of the patients walking in (Salmond & Echevarria, 2017). If the nurses are not able to adequately address the patients, the role of the health department cannot be fulfilled.

Nurses also play an important role in collecting patient data. The data collected by patients is also used by the health department in developing regional reports about various diseases and other healthcare aspects. If a nurse collects the wrong type of data or inaccurate data, the data holds no value and even adds inaccuracy to the already collected data when added to it (Poorchangizi, Farokhzadian, Abbaszadeh, Mirzaee, & Borhani, 2017). Therefore, it is important that the nurses working at health departments must be trained to take accurate data and provide high-quality healthcare services to the patients of the region. The nurses can have a direct impact on the performance of the health department such as the Jackson County Health Department.

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