Empathy: the Human Connection to Patient Care

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Discussion

**Response 1**

I have a daughter who is getting married this Saturday. I am sick and being admitted to the hospital, however, I am determined to attend the marriage ceremony of my beloved daughter (*Empathy*, n.d.). I am her father and she is the one who made me realize that having a daughter is a blessing. She filled my life with happiness and joy. She was always there to take care of me when I was sick. Now she is going to have an important day in her life but unfortunately, I am not able to see her. I am hoping to see her beautifully dressed on that day. Daughters are always with their parents and she fully performed her responsibilities as a good daughter all the time. Whenever it was hard for me to fulfill my duties related to work, she was the one who encouraged me. I am depressed right now as she will be waiting for me on her special day. I am doing everything to recover before her day to complete my treatment plan and be able to see her. I know she would not be happy without me on her special day.

**Response 2**

Being a nurse, it is my responsibility to take care of my patients and to show empathy towards them. Nurses have a tough job to always give priority to their patients (Davoodvand et al., 2016). I have joined nursing as a profession as I was always compassionate towards people who needed help, therefore, I chose to become a nurse to help communities (Beauvais et al., 2017). I have a patient whose daughter is getting married this Saturday, however, he has been diagnosed with a stroke and he will not be able to see her daughter. But I cannot disappoint him by informing him that as he is trying very hard to complete his medication and other care plans just to join his daughter's marriage ceremony. It is very hard sometimes to make my patients happy. Being a nurse, I have to be honest in my opinion towards my patients, therefore, I have informed him to stay positive and hopeful for recovery.

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