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**Reply 1**

Dear Kinza, after reading your post, I must say that you did a commendable in catering to the discussion question. As you highlighted in your post, the communication gap due to which a patient might be at severe risk of getting an allergy, I agree with you that a slight mistake in identifying allergy can have severe consequences. Typically, in the operating room, the environment is not so pleasant, and surgeons lash out not only on nurses but other staff as well (Michael & Jenkins, 2001). Due to this reason, they are unable to identify the mistake or any other issue they are facing. As you mentioned in your post that the cultural barrier could be the reason that the anesthesiologist was unable to tell the surgeon timely in the given scenario. I also agree with you as in many healthcare environments, cultural barriers issues, and lack of collaboration is very common. Thus, it is necessary to remove the communication gap, especially while a patient has to go for surgery to avoid severe consequences.

**Reply 2**

Dear Catherine, after reading your discussion post, I must say that you did a fantastic job by answering every discussion question. As you pointed out the problem of hierarchy, I also agree with you that in many health care facilities, surgeons are given more importance than other staff. Although, surgeons job is tuff nurses and other hospital staff also have to work under pressure. In the scenario given, I also think that the reason for not identifying the patient's allergy was due to the workload. Understaffing is an issue that many healthcare facilities face due to which healthcare professionals have to work a lot due to which they tend to make a few mistakes (Needleman & Zelevinsky, 2002). In your discussion, you highlighted the issue of different cultural backgrounds. I also agree with you as due to cultural barriers, there is a huge communication gap among the hospital staff. Thus, it is necessary to maintain equality and a collaborative environment to provide quality care to the patients.

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