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Discussion

Hi Karen,

I agree that RN/ LPN can play significant role in the policy making due to their experience. I think it is one of the major drawbacks of the policy makers that they are not using the knowledge of nurses who have direct experience of handling patients. RN and LPN had better knowledge of the issues that bother patients and needed to be resolved. It is thus practical to include them in the decision-making process (Kennedy et al., 2014). I agree that the policy making is a process in which opinions and information is shared among the members. By taking the feedback from nurses it is possible to focus even on the areas that were neglected earlier (Kelly et al., 2014).

Nurses can share useful insights about how policy making can improve the overall quality of care and how it patients are impacted by each principle. I think in the small settings such as in rural areas, nurses have a more practical role. One of the significant impact of including nurses is to find areas which are lacking and also they can conduct evaluations of the programs (Layeb et al., 2017). I agree that RN can also work as advocates so it is important to take their opinions for the policy making. RN’s can also improve the evaluations because they provide evidence based on their experiences at hospitals and clinics.

I believe that RN/ LPN is valuable resource for enhancing the quality of care and improving the patient outcomes. By making them part of the policy making they would be more aware of the programs and can use them for the best interest of the patients. RNs would also be able to offer better awareness to the patients regarding different aspects.

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