**Risk Management and Patient Safety**

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**1. What are some of the ways risk management can be used to improve patient safety?**

Risk management is a very important part of patient safety, developing in a cycle format both proactively and reactively. All the elements of the health action are linked to some risks for the patient. Efficient risk management involves all levels of care and all professionals must understand risk management and its relevance to their own workplace. All those involved in health care have the responsibility to take correct measures whenever they see an unsafe situation or environment. And in this sense, it is so important to notify that a floor is wet and slippery, like making sure that the medication a patient receives is correct. Health professionals and managers must make adequate risk management. This attitude should be oriented to the use of methodologies that allow identifying the problems and the causes that originate them (Savage & Ford, 2008).

**2. Explain the concept of full disclosure and explain why it is important.**

The concept of full disclosure makes the health organizations liable for providing all the financial information to the relevant personnel. Full disclosure is one of the accounting principles that organizations are required to follow. This is like making the financial information available to the outside world. This ensures that the relevant personnel is not misguided. This helps to strengthen the relationship with investors and creditors about all the business information. The chief aim of this concept is to avoid managers from disclosing any important financial data (Berry & M. Manuel, 2010).

**3. Describe how high-reliability organization (HRO) concepts can be applied to health care.**

There are multiple risks in healthcare organizations. The risk management is very important and for this purpose, high-reliability organization (HRO) is the key. It can be applied to healthcare in different ways but it is not an easy task. This can be applied by health organizations such as Leapfrog, the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, the National Quality Forum, the Institute for Safe Medication Practices, and the National Patient Safety Foundation. They need to develop a master plan to apply HRO in health care. This would greatly reduce the risks of health care (NPSF, 2015).

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