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Hello, Cindy, I read the discussion you did on the role of registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses (RN/APRN) in the policy evaluation. The discussion you did cover lots of important points. As health systems are changing drastically there is a need to change and review policies to maintain quality and safety. In the context of nursing, RN/APRNs play a critical role in the making and reviewing of policies (Arabi, & Ghiyasvandian, 2014).

 As you discussed the opportunities regarding nurses’ role in making policies and how in the past special interest groups were considered as a key player in policy decisions. I would like to add that nurses comprise the largest sectors of health care providers and are the ones spending more time with the patients. They know more about the challenges that our current health care is facing and can therefore directly influence the health care system. This gives them an opportunity to use their knowledge and problem-solving skills in making and reviewing the health policies (Toofany, 2005). However, with all these opportunities there still exist certain challenges that need to be catered.

While reviewing or making policy there are many challenges that one has to face. Some of the challenges include improper or wrong data, lack of leadership, and above all the difficulty in the accessibility of data. These challenges, however, can be overcome by following a proper strategy that is identifying the problem then collecting the data and reviewing it. Nurses can use different design tools that can help them with a better understanding of the process of policy review (Sundean, & Prybil, 2019).

Furthermore, as you discussed in your paper about advocating strategies I also agree with your point because nurses are very well known for advocating for their patients. They can, therefore, be very helpful in advocating opportunities in the policy review either by self-direct communication or open communication. They can also raise their voices in the health policymaking of government as they knows more about patients problem and current health care flaws (Aroskar, & Good, 2004).

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