

KNOW THE CODE

CODE OF ETHICS FOR NURSES

with interpretive statements

PROVISION 1: RESPECT FOR OTHERS

The nurse practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and unique attributes of every person.

PROVISION 2: COMMITMENT TO THE PATIENT

The nurse's primary commitment is to the patient, whether an individual, family, group, community, or population.

PROVISION 3: ADVOCACY FOR THE PATIENT

The nurse promotes, advocates for, and protects the rights, health, and safety of the patient.

PROVISION 4: ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PATIENT

The nurse has authority, accountability, and responsibility for nursing practice; makes decisions; and takes action consistent with the obligation to promote health and to provide optimal care.

PROVISION 5: DUTY TO SELF AND DUTY TO OTHERS

The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to promote health and safety, preserve wholeness of character and integrity, maintain competence, and continue personal and professional growth.

PROVISION 6: CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENTS

The nurse, through individual and collective effort, establishes, maintains, and improves the ethical environment of the work setting and conditions of employment that are conducive to safe, quality health care.

PROVISION 7: ADVANCEMENT OF THE NURSING PROFESSION

The nurse, in all roles and settings, advances the profession through research and scholarly inquiry, professional standards development, and the generation of both nursing and health policy.

PROVISION 8: PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY AND WORLD HEALTH

The nurse collaborates with other health professionals and the public to protect human rights, promote health diplomacy, and reduce health disparities.

PROVISION 9: PROMOTION OF THE NURSING PROFESSION

The profession of nursing, collectively through its professional organizations, must articulate nursing values, maintain the integrity of the profession, and integrate principles of social justice into nursing and health policy.



STANDARDS OF NURSING

NURSING SCOPE AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The Standards of Practice describe a competent level of nursing care as demonstrated by the critical thinking model known as the nursing process.

STANDARD 1. ASSESSMENT

The registered nurse collects pertinent data and information relative to the healthcare consumer's health or the situation.

STANDARD 2. DIAGNOSIS

The registered nurse analyzes the assessment data to determine actual or potential diagnoses, problems, and issues.

STANDARD 3. OUTCOME IDENTIFICATION

The registered nurse identifies expected outcomes for a plan individualized to the healthcare consumer or the situation.

STANDARD 4. PLANNING

The registered nurse develops a plan that prescribes strategies to attain expected, measurable outcomes.

STANDARD 5. IMPLEMENTATION

The registered nurse implements the identified plan.

STANDARD 5A. COORDINATION OF CARE

The registered nurse coordinates care delivery.

STANDARD 5B. HEALTH TEACHING AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The registered nurse employs strategies to promote health and a safe environment.

STANDARD 6. EVALUATION

The registered nurse evaluates progress toward attainment of goals and outcomes.

STANDARD 7. ETHICS

The registered nurse practices ethically.

STANDARD 8. CULTURALLY CONGRUENT PRACTICE

The registered nurse practices in a manner that is congruent with cultural diversity and inclusion principles.

STANDARD 9. COMMUNICATION

The registered nurse communicates effectively in all areas of practice.

STANDARD 10. COLLABORATION

The registered nurse collaborates with the healthcare consumer, and other key stakeholders in the conduct of nursing practice.

STANDARD 11. LEADERSHIP

The registered nurse leads within the professional practice setting and the profession.

STANDARD 12. EDUCATION

The registered nurse seeks knowledge and competence that reflects current nursing practice and promotes futuristic thinking.

STANDARD 13. EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE AND RESEARCH

The registered nurse integrates evidence and research findings into practice.

STANDARD 14. QUALITY OF PRACTICE

The registered nurse contributes to quality nursing practice.

STANDARD 15. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EVALUATION

The registered nurse evaluates one's own and others' nursing practice.

STANDARD 16. RESOURCE UTILIZATION

The registered nurse utilizes appropriate resources to plan, provide, and sustain evidence-based nursing services that are safe, effective, and financially responsible.

STANDARD 17. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The registered nurse practices in an environmentally safe and healthy manner.

