

Week 5 Discussion: Interprofessional Collaboration

Planning for our patients during times of transitions (for example: hospital to home, home to rehabilitation facility) involves collaboration with a number of healthcare professionals. Please address the following questions:

- How does your facility promote interprofessional collaboration during times of patient transitions?
- What is the role of the nurse in patient transitions?
- What gaps can you identify in this process related to quality of care? (If you are not currently in practice, please use a previous role or clinical experience in your answers.)

Answer:

"Collaboration in nursing is a vital professional relationship skill"(Chamberlain.instructure.com, 2019). In to support successful collaborative relationships hospitals must have a strong foundation with a fully engaged workforce. The importance of teams, transformational leaders and strong managers who support the vision of the organization, positive communication and education and training cannot be emphasized enough when working toward positive interdisciplinary collaboration. Members of interdisciplinary teams are all owning a part of the success of the patient care transitions and contribute to the quality of care we provide our patients and families. Communication is promoted in our organization as part of our journey to excellence with RELATE communication model and words that work. By introducing this model of communication it prevents employees from putting up barriers to work flow processes or departmental communications that could lead to negativity. We also have quarterly interdepartmental rounding. Example of which is , we recently had an interdepartmental rounding with the Director of Security and Safety. Our nurses were concerned with 24 hour