Week 2 Discussion: Wisdom Vs. Judgement

How does the concept of wisdom in nursing informatics compare to the concept of professional nursing judgment? What is DIKW and how do you "use" it in your practice?

Hello Professor and Classmates

Wisdom is the final step on the pathway of nursing informatic, it is defined as the "application of knowledge to appropriate situations by using insight or intuition while being thoughtful, judicious, and practical" (McGonigle, Hunter, Sipes, & Hebda, 2014, p 325). As nurses their needs to be the application of knowledge to patients' situations and then rely on the knowledge that has been gained in combination with evidence-base practice to improve patient care. With wisdom there is the use of knowledge and experience which increases common sense, insights, critical thinking skills and the use of sound clinical judgement. Knowledge alone does not make an individual wise and/or full of wisdom, it is the application of what has been learned, trained, and intertwined with clinical judgment that can give an expected outcome. Because wisdom is perceived as one's own mind, experience, perception, awareness, understanding and knowledge;