

Topic 3 Participation

Reply #1 Day 1– to Kyle Edison’s post on Topic 3 DQ 1

To Kyle,

The elderly are indeed a vulnerable population. It became taught that advanced directives referencing the preference in care should be considered when the patient comprehends their risks/benefits. At this time, the baby boomer's generation is at a point that is entering the elderly range, and it is increasing the quantity of this population rapidly over the next few years. This drastic increase in the aging older adults and disproportionate increase in the current generations will leave the older population vulnerable due to the lack of care providers to tend to their individual needs. The elderly population is even more challenging to address because the aging process and the chronic illness cluster together to cause the increased vulnerability. Much of this population requires extensive care, including preventative/proactive care and health promotion. It is essential to focus on advancing care for the elderly by delaying or preventing functional impairment and subsequent nursing home admissions by primary prevention, secondary prevention of untreated symptoms, and delaying or preventing further deterioration of chronic diseases (Van Houten et al., 2010). There need to be community health professionals, such as a nurse practitioner or doctors, that are trained and knowledgeable of the same information as a social worker that can have the capability to coordinate a multifaceted plan of care or services. This advanced understanding of health and wellness will give the provider the comprehensive assessment, which will address the deficits of the elderly with the proper treatments or services.

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Reply #2 Day 1 – to Mary Beltman’s post on Topic 3 DQ 1

Hello Mary,

In New York City, I receive 911 calls for help for all types of medical emergencies. When I arrive at the scene of the patient’s homes as an Emergency Medical Technician and, by law, NYS law requires the submission of written reports in cases that require child protective services as well as adult protective services. The requirements for mandatory reporting as for a wide range of findings that require further investigation by a social worker or a caseworker that better facilitates the proper network of aid for all situations. These vulnerable populations of the