

WEEK 8 DISCUSSION TOPICS

TOPIC 1 DUE MARCH 23RD [REDACTED]

Open and clear communication is critical for the effective functioning of the interprofessional team and the delivery of safe patient care. Discuss the way communication technologies can enhance coordination of care by interprofessional teams. Be sure to discuss a specific communication technology in your response.

Effective communication is important for collaboration and coordination of patient care. Healthcare professionals can provide better patient outcomes when they utilize communication technologies as a part of interprofessional communication. Using systems such as an electronic health record (EHR) can enhance patient outcomes. Every EHR is just a little different and can use different functionalities. The EHR cannot only help the interprofessional team understand and see what each health care professional has done for the patient or what they did not provide based on the medical history or contraindications, but it can also send out alerts or visit notes that can alert each professional that encounters the patient EHR.

If a healthcare system can utilize a device such as voice over internet protocol (VoIP), this is a wearable device that healthcare professionals can use to communicate with other providers or even ask for something specific. This would be a great asset to have in an emergency with hands not able to push a button or dial a phone (George, 2022).

George, D. (2022, March 16). *Enhancing patient care with mobile clinical communication technologies*. MedCity News. <https://medcitynews.com/2022/03/enhancing-patient-care-with-mobile-clinical-communication-technologies/>

TOPIC 2 DUE MARCH 25TH, 2024

Virtual care and telehealth technologies have the capability to greatly expand access to quality health care. Discuss some benefits and drawbacks of virtual care/telehealth, particularly related to the collaboration and coordination of care and the role of the advanced registered nurse

Virtual care and telehealth technologies have expanded access to quality health care. There have been both drawbacks and benefits of virtual care/telehealth relating to collaboration and coordination of care. The ARN comes into the spotlight when discussing both virtual care and telehealth. The benefits of both these platforms are the ability to reach patients in rural areas or in areas that have limited access to healthcare professionals. This also allows for consultations with specialists in other areas, such as states or countries. When it comes to collaboration or