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Clinical Summary Reflection

Course Objective #9

Accountability is defined as the fact or condition of being accountable and or responsible. Accountability in the healthcare system is defined as taking responsibility for one's actions, always ensuring one is competent to do the skill or activity that been asked to be perform, and always putting the needs and interests of the clients' first and above one's own. Throughout my clinical experiences and observations I have recognized accountability in all healthcare settings. While observing the Beebe Outpatient Surgery Center in Lewes, I saw the nurses, surgeons, and other staff demonstrating accountability with all of the patients. In every operating room that I observed in, all personnel performed skills and tasks that were within their specific scope of practice. The circulating nurse charted the procedure and handled any biopsied specimen, the surgeons and their PA's maintained their sterility throughout the procedure and followed the protocols for the sterile hand scrub, and the scrub nurse set up and maintained the sterile field during the entire length of the procedure. Everyone within the operating room actively took part in the "TIMEOUT" that takes place in every operating room before the procedure starts to ensure that all personnel have the correct understanding of the procedure and what is going on. The accountability that was being shown was used to ensure the safety of all clients that were having a procedure. Accountability is extremely

important in the healthcare field and needs to be one of the top priorities for all healthcare professionals to ensure that they are providing the best and safest care for all clients.