

Opioid Withdrawal Guided Reflection Questions

1. Describe your reaction to the end of shift report given in the patient scenario video.
 - The nurse's attitude was very rude and judgmental. And I was shocked with how he was talking to the nurse about the patient.
2. Have you ever witnessed this type of nontherapeutic communication between nurses? How did you react? Did you intervene? What might you do differently in the future?
 - Yes I have, I didn't like it because it makes you feel like you are going to have a bad day before you even start the shift. I didn't intervene but I should have.
3. What changed from your initial impression of the patient as you moved through the patient scenario video?
 - It made me feel horrible for the lady because she was not a bad patient or the way the nurse before made it seem. She was just in pain and needed help.
4. Patients with addictions may difficult for nurses to provide care for if the nurse has had a negative experience either professionally or personally with people who struggle with addiction. What can you do as a nurse to prevent personal biases from interfering in your own nursing practice?
 - Don't bring any previous negative emotions from your past experiences.
5. If you had to explain the pathophysiology of opioid addiction to a patient's family, what would you say?
 - I would say that the opioid is causing their brain to rely on the drug causing them to constantly need to med to function and they have the cravings for. So when they stop taking them their brain is going haywire for the drug.