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ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses

One example of a current ethical issue related to nursing is abortion. As a future nurse I believe patients have rights and the right to abortion is a right all biological women should have. This follows the 3rd ANA code of ethics which states, "The nurse promotes, advocates for, and protects the rights, health, and safety of the patient" (ANA, 2019). Women should have the right to abortion which is healthcare. Pregnancy is not a cold or a sickness that is minor, it is a major life changing event. Pregnancy causes discomfort and can be a disruption for many women (Hewson, 2001). If someone is opposed to abortion, they should understand the process of pregnancy and go through birth even if it is painful, risky and no matter how distressing it may be for them (Hewson, 2001). To understand why someone is getting an abortion is not a nurse's business or a place for a nurse to give a patient their opinion but support the patient in the healthcare that patient is seeking and there for.

It is our job as future nurses to promote safe healthcare, because if a woman is going to have an abortion, she is going to have an abortion and if she does not have a safe place to have it, she will do it not safely. This could lead to infection or damage to the women and even death if she cannot get the healthcare or abortion she needs.

It is our jobs to advocate for safe abortions for patients that decide to have abortions. If we do not help patients have safe abortions, again they may have an unsafe abortion and that could lead to death of both the fetus and mother.

It is our job to protect patient's rights and it is a patient right to have a safe abortion, because abortion is healthcare, and everyone should have the right to healthcare.

It is our jobs to make sure the patient has access to safe healthcare. It is our job to make sure patients have safe healthcare and have access to it. If we deny them safe abortions, they will not have safe healthcare and that is denying nurses the ability to practice or code of ethics. We take the rights away from women needing abortions and we are denied our jobs to make sure women are safe and having safe abortions.

Abortion is healthcare that should be safe and available for all women that need it whether it's for healthcare reason for their own safety and life or for other reasons. We by the code of ethics have to promote, advocate for, and protect the rights, health, and safety of patients. Supporting women rights is a part of this code of ethics and should be advocated and protected.

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