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The third ANA Code of Ethics for Nurses is, "The nurse promotes, advocates for, and protects the rights, health, and safety of the patient"(Nursingprocess). As a nurse it is important to advocate for the patients you encounter. People come to the hospital due to being sick and needing to seek help. It is important that the nurse advocates for the patients to ensure they get the best possible care. Advocating for our patients is what allows for beneficences to occur. Beneficence is the duty to actively do good for patients. There are medication errors that occur due to the proper dosage calculations not being done. Following the medication checks and doing the dosage calculator is important. It can be difficult but the ordered medication for a patient may need to be questioned if it is contraindicated or the wrong dose. This is ensuring the nurse is advocating for the patient and ensuring the patient's safety. Advocating and ensuring the patient is safe all provide beneficence for the patient. Protecting the patients rights is important as well when it comes to nursing. The patients have the right to decline treatment and or medications while in the hospital. It is important that the nurses ensure the patient's wishes are respected. The patient should be well informed about the medications they are prescribed and taking each day. This protects the patient's safety and health. There are many incidents where the patient is taking medications they do not know about. It is our job to ensure they know what we are giving them in the hospital. The patient is very important and we want to ensure they are protected and taken care of.

Resources:

The 9 nursing code of ethics (provisions + interpretive statements) – every nurse must adhere to. The 9 Nursing Code Of Ethics Every Nurse Must Adhere To. (n.d).
<https://www.nursingprocess.org/nursing-code-of-ethics-and-interpretive-statements.html>

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