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In week five, we are learning about the board of nursing and its disciplinary actions. The article relates to the class content since it narrates the steps the Board of Nursing takes when receiving a complaint of negligence or abuse. Usually, when they receive a complaint, the case passes to a legal nurse consultant (LNC); they decide based on what other nurses with the same education and strong ethics would have done in the same situation if these actions are in fact, negligence or abuse. Some of the complaints they receive include substance abuse, sexual misconduct, and criminal activity. They look at nurses following nursing diagnosis protocols of care and evidence-based practices. When nurses deviate from this standard of care, this is negligence, and the lack of information or abilities is defined incompetency.

As a nurse, I learn that documenting is the best way to prove that protocols and evidence practice. This way, we always would have evidence to support we are acting professionally, and within our scope of practice in case, an allegation of abuse or negligence comes our way. (Albee, 2020)

Reference

Albee, T. (2020). The legal nurse consultant as a board of nursing expert witness. *Journal of legal Nurse Consulting*. 31(2), 22-27