

During this week in class we discussed legality of nursing, specifically documenting after an unexpected event. Progress notes should not include the incidence report, as that can be used against the nursing staff in a lawsuit. The purpose of writing an incident report is to analyze the cause, frequency and severity of the issue for internal improvement within the organization. In the past I have written an incident report regarding an event where the registered nurse gave a patient another patient's fortified breast milk. Quality improvement investigated the issue and we came up with a better process of how to identify if a patient has available fresh or frozen breastmilk with a snowflake on a bottle.

This article helped me better understand the different types of violations and misconduct that can occur while providing care. Registered nurses must be aware of the standards of competent performance to perform skills essential to the treatment that is explained to the patient and family (Albee, 2020). Also this article showed a great example of elder abuse, a home health RN cashed a check for the patient and took some for herself stating that it was for independent services. The patient was put in a position where they felt their health could be endangered, a patient should never feel this way (Albee, 2020).

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