

Airelle Mitchell - Cultural scenario Assignment - Maori

What are the major take-home lessons for you today?

- One of the major takeaways from this experience is that as nurse's we need to provide the best patient centered care that can reflect their beliefs and values. Also, another major takeaway is being able to be culturally competent because there are many different cultures and preferences that come with each culture.

What are the top three nursing actions related to the dying patient-specific to the patient's cultural need?

- While preparing for the dying patient, it is important as nurses to allow visitors (family and friends) to pray and provide the patient support. The next thing after they die is to prepare their body for the Marui ceremony. This will include combing the clients hair with oil and putting feathers in it. And the body should not be left alone at any time. So as a nurse we can stay with the body until family can come in.

Who would you, as a nurse, consult to assist during the scenario?

- I would consult with the family to ask what I could do as a nurse to assist them in this process. I would also ask them if there is anyone that I can call for them like a family member, friend, or even a priest.

How can I adapt my nursing practices to be more responsive to the unique needs of diverse patient populations?

- When continuing education is due, I could take some courses to further my knowledge of different cultures and be more aware of what is out there.

How can I adapt my nursing practices to be more responsive to patients with death and dying processes?

- As a nurse, I can educate the family on what to expect during this time and allow them to ask any questions they might have. Also, being honest with the families and addressing their concerns honestly. And making sure they know I am there for them.

What impact does NOT complete the specific death, and dying practices affect the patient? You the nurse? The hospital? Healthcare as a whole?

- The nurse would be affecting the patient by not completing their specific death and dying process due to possibly not being culturally competent in the patient's specific culture. If the nurse, hospital, or healthcare team do not complete the specific death and dying practices it will ultimately affect the patient by losing trust in (facility, nurse, and interdisciplinary team), the patient or family not being comfortable, and the patient's wishes would not be respected.