

**Patient Safety: Quality Improvement**

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The purpose of Quality Improvement as an overall concept is to review and evaluate outcomes, target areas that need enhancement, and implement changes to provide high-quality care. (QSEN Institute, 2020). Enforcing protocols to improve patient safety requires nurses to acknowledge that healthcare strategies are constantly changing and improving- making it vital to identify any knowledge gaps to ensure best practice implementation. (QSEN Institute, 2020). Working with other healthcare staff and appreciating their contributions allows for improved quality of patient care. (QSEN Institute, 2020). Patient safety is a nurse's top priority. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Nurses identify potential risks and implement safety precautions to reduce any harm that may come to the patient while in their care. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Patient safety is significant in ensuring that health care services provide the highest quality of care and minimize any avoidable harm that could come to the patient. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020).

### **Article Summary**

This article explores what makes a nurse compliant in preserving patient safety. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Whether that safety is regarding infection prevention, reducing medication errors, ensuring equipment functions correctly, educating patients, and much more. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Patient safety is a team effort, meaning that each health care team member takes responsibility and accountability for the safety of the patients in their care. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020).

### **Introduction**

The primary purpose is to pinpoint factors that increase nurses' compliance in patient safety to reduce medical errors. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Safety management relies on nurses to uphold guidelines and regulations regarding quality care. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). The article links patient safety to nurses' compliance. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). This article explores the factors that impact compliance such as the patient, the task, work environment, organization, and management. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). It also addresses how nurses can identify risks and uphold safety regulations. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Such as assessing the patient's individual needs, personalizing their care plan, routinely monitoring their progress, offering assistance when needed, and keeping open communication with their healthcare team. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020).

### **Overview**

This article relates to patient safety by exploring the nurses' role in keeping patients safe. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Patient safety relies on nurse compliance. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). This article relates to the QSEN competency Quality Improvement by basing their results on nurses' knowledge of patient safety initiatives, collaborating with their health care team to delegate and reduce overall workloads, ensure proper equipment functioning, and sharing and receiving information to improve patient outcomes. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020).

### **Quality Improvement**

The type of care setting that the Quality Improvement effort could implement is checking on the patient more frequently to assess their pain or comfort and just providing the patient with more supervision. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Providing nurses with more opportunities to continue their education is also essential in quality care. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Having more nurses together to collaborate and support one another seems to improve nurses' compliance as

well. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Designated spaces for specific tasks, up-to-date equipment, and appropriate monitoring units help keep nurses focused and compliant. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). The suggested change could impact the institution financially by keeping costs low from minimizing medical errors with designated spaces, proper equipment, and appropriate monitoring units. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). Routine patient assessment, they would feel more cared for, increasing patient satisfaction. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). With more nurses to collaborate with, nursing satisfaction would increase. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020). With encouragement from health care leadership, nurses' will be more motivated to ensure proper practices for patient safety and thus increasing nursing safety. (Vaismoradi et al., 2020).