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Journal # 1

To guide your journal entry, you can choose from some of the questions below:

- How does this journal article/current events/concept relate to the course material?
- What concepts from class did I easily master this week? Why were they easy?
- What concepts from class were difficult for me this week? Why were they difficult?
- Of everything I did this week, what am I most proud of?
- What have I learned this week about myself as a student nurse?

In this week's class, we presented our quality improvement papers. According to White et al. (2017), continuous improvements in healthcare quality are due to concern about patient safety and harm. Quality improvement in healthcare is essential because improving the quality and performance in the healthcare environment can help healthcare professionals to have reliable, cost-effective, and sustained healthcare processes. Quality improvements enable them to achieve their goal of improving care delivery with patients and enhance their outcomes (White et al., 2017). This article relates to the course material because we discuss quality control in creating a patient safety culture. The book "Leadership Roles and Management Functions in Nursing Theory and Application" talks about total quality management. This process is never-ending because there is always room for improvement, no matter how good the service is (Marquis & Huston, 2021). This concept also leads to our quality improvement paper about hand hygiene compliance. Even though they emphasize hand hygiene in helping to decrease the spreading of infection, healthcare workers wash their hands less than half what they should do, and hospital-acquired infection still happens in the hospital frequently (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2021). Implementation and compliance about hand hygiene still need improvement to help patients have a better outcome and decrease the risk of hospital-acquired infection.

Reference:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021, January 8). *Healthcare providers*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/providers/index.html>.

Marquis, B. & Huston, C. (2021). *Leadership roles and management functions in nursing*. (10th ed.). Wolters Kluwer.

White, M., Butterworth, T., & Wells, J. (2017). Healthcare quality improvement and 'work engagement'; concluding results from a national, longitudinal, cross-sectional study of the 'productive ward-releasing Time to Care' programme. *BMC Health Services Research*, 17(1), 510. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-017-2446-2>

All entries must be at least 200 words and use a scholarly source. The use of direct quotes is prohibited. Class participation is also incorporated into the journal grade. To maximize points for the journal, please participate in class discussion and attend class every week.

Criteria	Points Possible	Points Earned	Faculty Comments
Journal entry is relevant to class material and at least 200 words	9		
Class participation	5		
Scholarly source is published within the last 5 years, is cited correctly using APA format, no direct quotes are used	1		
TOTAL			