

Reflective Activity

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

A major take home lesson that I learned from this simulation is that A DNR order and a healthcare power of attorney is extremally important when deciding the next steps to end-of-life care.

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

The top three nursing actions that I think of when it comes to the dying patient is respecting the beliefs the patient practices such as taking extra time to pray or having a priest/ pastor present, respecting the religious practices of the patient related to the dead body, and respecting the patient's religion in after death process.

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

If the client believes in a specific religion I may have to consult with a pastor/priest to assist.

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

I will ask the client if there are any religions that the practice and if so, what is that religion. If I were not familiar to that religion I would ask if there were any special precautions when it comes to nursing care.

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

I will be sure to ask what they want during this process (if possible) and respect the decisions they make.

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

The nurse not following religious preferences, the hospital not allowing a priest/pastor to pray for a dying patient, and healthcare not focusing on a holistic approach that includes spiritual beliefs.