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TITLE

Nursing has evolved into its own new world in the healthcare field from the time that nursing was invented during World War I (Connor et al., 2022). Over many years of evolution, nurses have become much more independent and superior than they used to be known for. One thing that has majorly changed overtime with nursing is the dependency and the fact that nurses are key decision-makers in the practice of healthcare and are in control of whether or not the patient receives safe and effective care (Connor et al., 2022). Clinical judgment is a difficult term to strictly define, but it is absolutely necessary when making effective decisions, solving problems, promoting safe care, and practicing the nursing process in general (Connor et al., 2022). According to Connor et al. (2022), “clinical judgement is said to be the ‘foundation of quality nursing care’”, and “demands an adaptable and salient capability to identify relevant characteristics“ (Connor et al., 2022, para. 10). Nurses are constantly required to make game-time decisions that are expected to improve the condition of the patient, not to mention the pressure that comes along with these decisions. A study was conducted using surrogate terms, attribute, antecedents, and consequences as a method of concept analysis for propose a definition of clinical judgement in nursing (Connor et al., 2022). The conclusion of the study was that clinical judgement is essential for nurses in complex environments and a contemporary definition of “a reflective and reasoning process that draws upon all available data, is informed by an extensive knowledge base and results in the formation of a clinical conclusion” (Connor et al., 2022, para. 49). This conclusive definition is very accurate and promotes the importance of clinical judgement.

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