

Vulnerable Populations

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Cultural Competence

Cultural competency is a crucial skill in being able to deliver the best nursing care across culturally diverse groups. (Deering, 2023) Cultural competence is a very important task needed to be a nurse. In the nursing field nurses come across many different cultures, traditions, and religions. We as nurses might not agree with one religion or tradition, but we still need to learn to treat those patients the same. Each patient we see will be different. Providing the care to our patients to best of our abilities is our main goal no matter the situation.

Socioeconomic status

Socioeconomic status refers to not only income, but also where a person stands in a group. There are high-class groups, middle class, and low-class groups. A high-class group refers to someone who has a good job, can take care of their self, etc. Middle class groups still have decent jobs and can take care of themselves but might not have as nice of things. The low-class group is considered someone who might not have a job, isn't able to go to the doctor, and can't keep up on their health. (2023) Some might say being born into a wealthy or educated family is who the children will become. I believe every individual has the choice to become a better person or follow into their families' footsteps. The basic needs for every population are food, water, and shelter. We as humans are made to wake up every day and decide where we want to stand socioeconomically. (Ricee & Susanne Ricee, 2021)

Judgements of Socioeconomic status

There are many people to judge low class humans. If someone is trying to better themselves, I will be the first person to help them. On the other hand, if someone is considered lower class or even high class, and they are making the same wrong decisions that is on them,

and they are not willing to be helped. Same thing goes to a homeless person. There are always places for a homeless person to go if they are clean from drugs and alcohol. Everyone has a choice in life. There are consequences if the wrong choices are made, and only the person who made the choice can fix it.

What are your feelings about delivering care to homeless/impoverished populations?

If someone who was homeless came into the emergency room for a good reason I will provide the best care for them. I have seen in the past homeless people come into the emergency room just for a place to stay. I understand there are homeless people who are without homes or a place to stay and they need help from other people. I also know there are so many shelters willing to take in people every day. Many homeless people are malnourished and in bad shape. I would do my best to get those patients back in the best health and help them find somewhere to stay.

Conclusion

Socioeconomic status plays a huge role in today's world. Many people are so quick to judge people by their religious factors, cultures, and traditions. As a nurse no matter how much someone makes or how much education they have the care they receive still needs to be the same. Each person's needs are going to differ from person to person. Overall, how you present yourself to a person with different values than you are a major role as a nurse. The patient always needs to feel comfortable with the nurse.

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