

Cultural Diversity Questions

1. Nurses must have a strong code of ethic and take care of all patients to the best of their ability? **True** or False

2. Why does a nurse need to know about culture?

Culture has a significant influence in health-related beliefs and practices. Factors such as language, geography, socioeconomics, gender, and education can play a large role in determining the decisions patients make about medical care, both for themselves and their families.

Nurses must understand how to accommodate patients' cultural beliefs in conjunction with conventional medical practices. Acknowledging patient differences can decrease the stress of the patient, which can positively impact the outcomes of their treatments.

Knowing about culture can reduce risks to patients by opening lines of communication, which can reduce medical errors and make it easier for providers to identify early indications of disease.

The U.S. is increasingly becoming diverse; providers will need to make significant changes in their approaches to care. Increasing the diversity of the medical workforce could improve health outcomes in culturally diverse patients in two different ways. It is easier for providers to develop cultural competency, allowing patients and providers to communicate more openly.

3. Is cultural diversity just that a patient does not speak the same language? If no, what are other types of cultural diversity?

No, other types of cultural diversity include race, ethnicity, age, ability, nationality, socioeconomic status, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

4. A nurse that integrates cultural diversity can strengthen a nurse-patient relationship? **True** or False

5. Nurses who lack a firm grasp of cultural differences can experience stress and frustration when working with culturally diverse patients and their families. **True** or False