

Lecture 3
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Important of ethics in Nursing Practice:
1. They guide nurses in their practice on a daily nursing care
2. They help nurses distinguish between right and wrong
3.Ethical problems may arise in interactions with co-workers may be resolve ethically.
4. Nurses may find themselves in a position to make an ethical choice to provide care.
5.A nurse must to have an ethical obligation to help patients.
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## Roles of ethical consideration in nursing process:

- 1.To aid in ethical decision making, many hospitals have an ethics board.
- 2. The ethics board is a committee of health care providers who help to resolve ethical issues that arise in hospitals.
- 3. Nurses can use the ethics board as a resource if they are faced with a situation that calls their personal morals into question.
- 4.Ethical reflection or ethical thinking aids nurses in identifying personal biases and reinforces moral foundations.
- 5. Nurses who use ethical reflection may be better prepared while encountering ethical problems on a day to day basis.

## Importance of ethics in right or wrong practice in nursing care:

- 1.An understanding of ethics is essential to the delivery of skilled professional care.
- 2.It is vital that nurses appreciate the value of ethics in their work.
- 3. Ethics is relevant to clinical, practice-based issues and affects all areas of the professional nursing role.
- 4. To apply ethics effectively, nurses must develop their skills and understand the concepts and principles that assist ethical analysis.

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## **Teaching Ethics in Nursing for improvements:**

1. While not every nurse is a nurse educator, every nurse has a responsibility to promote and support the profession.

2. The seventh provision in the code of ethics calls for nurses to support the nursing profession through research, development of professional standards, and creation of health and nursing policy.

3. Nurse researchers work with groups such as patients, other nurses, and communities to test and create new ideas.

4. After this research is reviewed, nurses incorporate new evidence-based treatments into their practice.

5. They share their learning with peers, leaders, and researchers, expanding the body of knowledge.

6.All nurses must engage the professional standards and policies set by the code of ethics and applicable laws.

7. The code calls for all nurses to contribute to professional agencies or institutions and to advocate for health and the nursing profession.

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