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Nursing Code of Ethics interpretation by ANA (American Nurses Association)

1. The code of ethics are non-negotiable aspects of the "protection, promotion, and restoration of health and well-being."

2. The code's nine provisions outline the authorities, accountabilities, and responsibilities of nurses based on compassion, patient's rights, the ethical duties of nurses in health settings, and the responsibilities of nurses is professionalism and apply ethical code.

3. Nurses practice understanding that health care is a universal right for every ones.

4.All people can receive treatment that supports them physically, emotionally, socially, religiously, and spiritually.

5. Nurses need to have compassion for patients, incorporating their needs into their care plans and advocating for them.

6. The nurse's duty is to contribute to an ethical and safe workplace, use high quality devices, regulation the skills and follow the standardized code of ethics.

Ethical Considerations and barriers for Nurses during COVID-19 pandemic:

1. Ethical challenges may face nurses as including issues of technical issues and prevention.

2. Changes in end-of-life care practices and intervention for critical care.

3.Concerns about PPE shortages, and the related concept of the "duty to care" and staffing challenges.

4. The connection between issues of care and moral distress.

5. The ongoing ethical issues nurses are likely to face as the pandemic continues to progress and evolve, and strategies to deal with it.

6.Critical thinking to face this pandemic disease.

7. How does my family feel about my working during a pandemic?

8.Sufficient supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE).

9. During pandemics nurses must decide how much high-quality care they can provide to others while also taking care of themselves and their loved ones

10. Nurses may call to volunteer for help during pandemic in need.

11.Nurse feels physically unsafe in the response situation when there is lack of personal protective equipment or inadequate testing, or when there is inadequate support for meeting the nurse's personal and family needs, or the nurse is concerned about professional, ethical, and legal protection for providing nursing care in the COVID-19 pandemic

12. Does the law mandate that nurses must provide care in all situations, regardless of the danger nurses face providing that care?

13.Other barriers for ethical issues in pandemic so nurses are the first line to fight COVID-19.

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