Informed Consent in Nursing

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Informed consent involves the nurses having to inform the patients of their intentions to perform specific medicinal procedures they intend to perform. When there is informed consent, patients are more comfortable with the medical provider and gain more trust. Patients can refuse specific medical procedures if they need to do so. The essay discusses how informed consent arises as an ethical issue in the nursing industry.

The issues of unethical consent have led to different nursing scenarios. Consent can only be given if the information is given to the patients hence it’s the responsibility of the nurse to issue the information. Failure to facilitate informed consent has led to deaths and made other patients feel discriminated (Axson,et.al.,2019) One of the reason why the informed consent is unethical is that, it deprives the patients right to make a decision regarding the choice of medication they are comfortable with. The informed consent may lead doctor’s failure to understand their patients better and may end up providing medicines which are inappropriate to the patients.

When informed consent is not practised, the patients legal rights to have their decisions supported and safeguarded are violated. The patients have the right to have all the information about the medical procures to be performed outplayed and completed understood(Askitopoulou,2018) In cases when the nurses violated the informed consent, it is their responsibility to restore the patient’s ability to make the decisions. when doctors fail to uphold informed consent, they are liable for hence can face legal ramifications.

In some cases, nurses may feel that, the patients do not need to understand the medical procedures formulated since they are sure that they are doing the right thing. On my opinion I feel that, patients require to understand the medications give to them since some patients might be allergic to other medicines may not be comfortable in other medical procedures.

In the established code of formal ethics in American Nurses Association (ANA), provision advocates for protection of patients’ rights and health. One of the patients right is the informed consent which is the responsibilities of the nurses to partake. Doctor have the chance to inform family members and get the consent when the patients is not in a position to respond.

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