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THE ROLE OF THERAPY IN NURSING: AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract: This article examines the importance of therapy in nursing, focusing on its integration into daily practice and its impact on patient outcomes. The therapeutic aspect of nursing goes beyond technical care, emphasizing the role of communication, psychological support, and rehabilitation. It discusses different types of therapies, including physical, psychological, and occupational therapy, and how they are used in conjunction with nursing to promote holistic patient care.

Keywords: Therapy, psychological.

Introduction:

Nursing as a profession is not only about providing physical care but also includes the provision of emotional and psychological support to patients. One essential aspect of nursing is therapy, which involves both clinical interventions and psychosocial support aimed at enhancing a patient's health and wellbeing. Therapy in nursing can take several forms, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, and psychological counseling, all of which contribute to comprehensive patient care. This paper explores the role of therapy in nursing practice, its impact on patient care, and how it strengthens the bond between nurse and patient.

The Role of Therapy in Nursing: Therapy is a multifaceted approach within the nursing profession. It is not confined to a single method or treatment but includes a broad range of services that focus on both recovery and comfort. The role of nursing therapy can be categorized into the following key areas: **1. Physical Therapy:** Physical therapy is an essential part of rehabilitation for patients recovering from injuries or surgeries. Nurses collaborate with physical therapists to guide patients through exercises that restore movement and reduce pain. Nurses assist patients with mobility challenges, ensuring their safety during therapeutic exercises.

2. Occupational Therapy: Occupational therapy focuses on helping patients regain the ability to perform daily activities that might have been compromised due to illness, injury, or disability. Nurses work alongside occupational therapists to assess and facilitate activities that promote independence, improve fine motor skills, and adapt environments to meet the needs of patients.

3. Psychosocial Therapy: Therapy in nursing also addresses the psychological aspects of patient care. Nurses engage in therapeutic communication, helping patients manage stress, anxiety, and depression. Psychological counseling is often necessary for patients undergoing long-term treatment or those facing life-threatening conditions.

Therapeutic Communication in Nursing: A vital aspect of nursing therapy is therapeutic communication, which involves active listening, empathy, and appropriate responses to the emotional needs of patients. Nurses are trained to offer emotional support, helping patients cope with fear, confusion, and pain. Effective communication can foster trust between the nurse and patient, enabling better health outcomes.

Integrating Therapy into Nursing Education: In nursing education, therapy should be incorporated into the curriculum to ensure that nurses are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to provide holistic care. This includes not only technical medical training but also courses in psychology, rehabilitation, and patient communication.

Conclusion

Therapy in nursing is an essential component of comprehensive patient care. Nurses play a critical role in delivering physical, occupational, and psychological therapies, which contribute to improved patient recovery and quality of life. The

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integration of therapeutic approaches into nursing education and practice enhances patient outcomes, ensuring a holistic and patient-centered approach to healthcare

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