

Review Article

Ethical Issues and Dilemmas Encountered in Nursing Practice in Turkey

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Abstract

Nowadays it is seen that there's a very great need in nurses that can provide ethically sensitive and morally approvable care. Health care issues are seen between health care workers, patients, families, and individuals form the society. It should be considered that nurses' workload could increase and some problems caused by excessive workload could occur when nurses undertake the other health care workers' tasks due to the absence of the desired quality of provided health care services in our country and to the inadequacy of the current number of nurses and midwives in institutions. As much as the importance of the collaboration inside the health care team, to protect own areas of each proffesion, when evaluated in terms of the value of the proffesion and of proffessional ethics to guide the members of the profession for the solutions of possible ethical issues, to create a professional identity are also important to protect the professional status and to improve the social prestige of the profession. Nurses are required to have ethical knowledge of their profession to make ethical decisions regarding to their profession or to participate the ethical decisions about the patients under their care. Nurses and midviwes should use their knowledge as a key in their working lives in order to deal with the ethical issues. Therefore, effective and continuous service trainings are necessary after the graduation.

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