

Identify ONE client-focused quality or safety issue that may be pertinent to your future advanced nursing practice role. Medication error may NOT be used as a topic for this assignment.

A client-focused quality or safety issue relevant to advanced nursing practice is infection control, including the prevention and management of healthcare-associated infections.

Describe the scope and impact of the issue.

The scope and impact of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) represent a critical issue for patients and healthcare organizations. The occurrence of HAIs increases the risk of patient mortality, results in longer hospital stays, and leads to higher medical expenses, thereby straining healthcare resources (Moradi et al., 2024).

Discuss three possible roles advanced practice nurses may play in addressing the issue.

Advanced Practice Nurses serve as essential healthcare providers in hospitals, clinics, community health centers, educational institutions, and research facilities, leading clinical efforts to achieve better patient outcomes through policy and procedure development. By assuming the leadership role, APNs can develop policies and advocate for comprehensive changes to improve patient safety. They can contribute to quality improvement through their work in designing and executing initiatives that track patient outcomes, analyze safety data, and promote patient-centered care. Also, APNs actively participate in risk management through their work of conducting risk assessments, developing mitigation plans, ensuring regulatory compliance, and investigating safety incidents to improve patient safety (Yokoe & Jackson, 2024).

Explain why the issue is of interest to your future role.

The prevention of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) is a critical interest of mine because it directly impacts patient safety, quality of care, and treatment outcomes. As an APN, I will lead evidence-based practices, educating staff and patients, and implementing strategies to reduce infection risks throughout healthcare settings. Through active participation in infection prevention initiatives, I can help reduce healthcare costs, morbidity, and mortality rates, ultimately creating a safer and more effective care environment.