

Interprofessional Collaboration

Hello Dr. Lucas and peers,

How does your facility promote interprofessional collaboration during times of patient transitions?

Patient transition is a critical point of errors, and interprofessional collaboration helps minimize the risk of errors and ensures continuity of safe and high-quality care. Our healthcare organization uses several strategies to promote interprofessional collaboration during times of patient transition. The first strategy is ensuring there is open communication among members of the interprofessional team involved in patient care, whereby professionals use nonverbal communication to pass information such as the patient's clinical status, medication history, and other information on the patient's needs. Also, the organization has established care models that formalizes roles and standardizes processes for each type of patient transition. According to American Nurses Association (2021), standardizing the patient transition process enhances confidence and clinical competency, resulting to safer patient care. Besides, the organization makes regular follow-ups with the patient and their families to ensure accurate and timely information is shared during transition.

What is the role of the nurse in patient transitions?

The nurse plays a crucial role in facilitating safe and smooth transition of patient care. The first crucial role the nurse plays includes planning for transition of care, whereby the nurse develops and evaluates transition plan. It is the role of the nurse to identify any barriers to the transition plan and communicate the same to the relevant members of the interprofessional team (American Psychological Association, 2020). The nurse also plays a key role in communicating the patient's clinical status and overall needs and preferences to