

Week 5 Discussion: Knowledge Generation Through Nursing Informatics

In one of the reading assignments this week you reviewed advance nurse practitioner (APN) roles and the application of project management concepts, one of the major elements of NI, but new to most nurses. What type of application does this have for your practice?

Hello Professor and Classmates

Having a better understanding of project management can facilitate an effective change at all levels of nursing and healthcare. It is vitally important to allow nurse managers to play a larger role when it comes to initiating change and managing projects with competency and confidence (Pinto, Dawood, & Pinto, 2014). According to Sipes (2016), “the five steps of project management are similar to the five steps of the nursing process when caring for patients using evidence-based care” (p 16). APN’s are capable and suited for the role of project management due to similarities between the nursing process and project management (Sipes, 2016). In comparison of project management and the nursing process it is similar; however, the difference with project management is that of working on a project rather than with patient care while utilizing the concept of assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Currently in the working process of a project management being implemented at my facility is the process of changing our code blue paper documentation to electronic health records (EHR) charting. There is a group presently in the planning stage (the second stage of project management) that have already assessed the need for a change to our code blue paper charting. They have released a beta trial where nurses can give their input after utilizing the new electronic documentation of the code blue process. This allows opportunity to review feedback and implement changes that may not have worked during documenting and receive any suggestions the staff may have. They have estimated a go live by the end of July which will be the third stage of project management to