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Note: The nursing philosophy is for nursing practiced throughout the facility. The addition of philosophical elements specific to the ICU must be consistent with the basic nursing philosophy.


1.0 NURSING PHILOSOPHY:

- 1.1 We, the nurses at this HOSPITAL, believe the focus of nursing practice is the patient and family. We believe nursing practice is integral to the mission of the organization.
- 1.2 Therefore, we are committed to delivering expert clinical care in support of the organization. We provide leadership in nursing and excellence in patient care.
- 1.3 The following principles form the basis of our philosophy.

2.0 WE THE NURSES:

- 1.4 Are committed to quality service.
- 1.5 Uphold the Patient's Bill of Rights.
- 1.6 Acknowledge the patient and family's right to contribute to and participate in their plan of care.
- 1.7 Are autonomous in conducting our practice and shaping our environment.
- 1.8 Assume a leadership role in healthcare.
- 1.9 Differentiate responsibility according to defined competencies.
- 1.10 Are responsible for our professional development and participate in

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professional organizations.

1.11 Value and respect members of the organization.

1.12 Practice sound fiscal behaviors to ensure organizational strength.

1.13 Are responsible for the identification of patient outcomes and accountable for their achievement.

1.14 Believe that the integration of comfort and care with scientific knowledge is the essence of nursing.

1.15 Endorse a care delivery system that fosters professional practice and individualized patient care.

1.16 Collaborate with other healthcare professionals in the delivery of quality care.

1.17 Acknowledge and value those who support us in the provision of nursing care.

1.18 Believe that a decentralized nursing management structure is the conduit for the achievement of our goals.

1.19 Believe that nursing research is essential for the advancement of practice.

1.20 Embrace our role as leaders and consultants in the community.

1.21 Believe that constant clinical inquiry, change and innovation are essential to progress.

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