**The Future of Nursing**

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Nursing is an ever-growing field that is evolving with the need for registered nurses expected to increase in the future. According to Joseph and Fowler (2016), the complex and changing environment needs to be met with a new and changed mindset among the nurse leaders. However, it is crucial that nurses be involved in the best clinical practice that ensures quality improvement in healthcare globally by raising their profile and status. The current changing needs mean that nurse leaders have a significant role to play in the future. The emergence of advanced technology and new innovative types of services indicates that nurses can play a leading role from community to home-based care, holistic and patient-centred care, with the increased focus on prevention and control and making better use of the advanced technology. Therefore, providing good quality and safe patient treatment by promoting nursing leadership should be at the fore-front of the nursing discipline.

The future of nursing explores how nurses’ leadership responsibilities, roles, training, and education should change and cope significantly with the increased demand for patient wellness (Institute of Medicine, 2015). This demand is created by healthcare reform to meet increasingly complex patient needs in the healthcare system. Its reform has made it in the United States accessible and affordable to everyone as seen by the increase in the number of patients in hospitals. However, with this growth in necessity, nursing is facing the challenge of delivering patient quality treatment. My vision is to quickly adapt to the new world of advanced technology in the nursing leadership that I can use to offer reliable and quality attention to the patients.

As a nurse, I am the primary care provider, and therefore, I have the vision and power to provide a consistently safe environment for the patients. Achieving this vision will require the establishment of evidence-based clinical practice which will enhance the reliability of nursing care. Moreover, fulfilling the vision of leadership for nurses will ensure that they will not feel undervalued in the hospital, which will then facilitate quality care being delivered to patients. According to Hart (2015), nurses often feel like their voices are not heard in the inter-professional team and that their complex roles in caring for patients are not appreciated. This means that nurses should have power in leadership which will act as an incentive when delivering quality healthcare.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommended that nurses should have leadership roles in healthcare as per their recently released report. My vision for the future of nursing is for nurses to have power in leadership roles which will enable them to provide safe and quality patient-centred care. Thus, this vision fits with the recommendations in the IOM report, where nurses should have leadership roles in the healthcare sector. This report states that nurses should be supported in their leadership roles regardless of where they work so that they can be the true leaders that they are.

There are two action steps that I plan to take to promote this vision. The first step is to ensure nurses network with big players. This means that nurses will push to be in the higher leadership boards such as the public health and government boards, which will ensure that their voices and intricate work are recognized. The next step is to stand out nurse leaders in leading for change, seamless progression, and advancing health.

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