Community health nursing

settings & roles

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Is the community health nurse has specific Roles? And Is her role is different when it compare with hospital nurse?
Upon completion of this lecture the student will be able to:

- Define the following terms: Public Health, Primary health care, and community health nursing.
- Discuss at least four principles related to primary health care.
- Mentioned at least five services related to PHC.
• List at least 6 setting for community health nurse.

• List at least 4 roles of community health nurse.
1- Definitions of following terms:
Public health, community health nursing, primary health care.

2- The element and principle of primary health care.

3- Setting of community health nurses.

4- Roles of community health nurses.
Public Health.

Is the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health and efficiency through organized community efforts:
- The sanitation of the environment.
- The control of communicable diseases.
- The education of the individual in personal hygiene.
- The organization of medical and nursing services for the early diagnosis and preventive treatment of disease.
Community Health Nursing.

- According ANA; (1980)

  is a synthesis of nursing practice and public health practice applied to promoting and preserving the health of populations and the practice is general and comprehensive. It is not limited to a particular age or diagnosis and is continuing.
Is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination.
Five principles underlie this definition.

- Health care services should be equally accessible to all.
- There should be maximum individual and community involvement in the planning and operation of health care services.
- The focus of care should be on prevention and promotion rather than on cure.
Appropriate technology should be used, i.e. methods, procedures, techniques and equipment should be scientifically valid, adapted to local needs and acceptable to users and to those for whom they are used.

Health care is regarded as only a part of total health development—other sectors as education, housing, nutrition are all essential for the achievement of well being.
Essential elements of a primary health care services

- Education concerning prevailing health problems and the methods of preventing and controlling them.
- Promotion of food supply and proper nutrition.
- An adequate supply of safe water and basic sanitation.
- Maternal and child health care, including family planning.
- Immunization against the major infectious diseases.
- Prevention and control of locally endemic disease.
- Appropriate treatment of common disease and injuries.
- Provision of essential drugs.
Setting for community health nurse

- Home health care.
- Hospice care.
- Community health in the schools.
- Occupational health (industrial sites).
- Other community health nursing role (outpatient surgery center, prenatal & well-baby clinic, urgent care centers) and health department as (vital record statisticians, communicable disease investigation).
Roles of the community health nurse

- Clinician.
- Advocate.
- Collaborator.
- Consultant.
- Advisor.
- Educator.
- Researcher.
- Administrator.
Conclusions.

- Community health nursing involves; health promotion, health maintenance, health education, and management, coordination, and continuity of care and utilized in a holistic to the management of the health care of individuals, families and groups in a community.
Thank you