

Nurses and Environmental Health Attitude Survey

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Age					
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Because the environment can be a determinant of health, it is the responsibility of nurses to advocate for healthy environmental conditions.					
Nurses have the power to influence change in the types of supplies that are purchased at facilities such as recycled paper, locally grown food, energy efficient lighting, and water conserving plumbing fixtures.					
It is important for nurses to strive towards environmentally safe health care practices by conserving natural resources such as water and energy, and by being accountable to dispose waste properly.					
A holistic approach to nursing practice includes environmental health promotion.					
The massive amount of waste produced by health care each year is an unavoidable consequence of providing proper health care services.					
Being proactive about reducing waste and environmental hazards is an important part of community health promotion.					
Nurses should focus more on their specialty in caring for people and let the environmentalists focus on environmental concerns.					
It will be difficult for nurses to incorporate environmental concern into their practice until policies are made or legislation is changed that instruct them to do so.					
Nurses must assume leadership roles in promoting environmental health.					
Environmental health should be a mandatory subject in nursing education and as continuing education for practicing nurses.					

Topic: How does care for the environment fit into nursing practice

1. The CRNBC Code of Ethics states that "Nurses value health promotion and well-being and assisting persons to achieve their optimum level of health". This means that nurses are responsible for protecting and promoting environment health.
2. Waste produced by health care causes significant environmental burden and contributes to more health problems
3. Simple tasks such as turning off lights when leaving a room, turning off computers at the end of the day and recycling supplies