



The Meaning of Caring in Nursing Practice

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Introduction

The dynamic essence of nursing is due to caring. Unfortunately, many different terms such as care, care-giving, care receiving, nursing care, etc., are used interchangeably which promotes confusion. Thus, the concept of care can be considered one of the least understood parts of nursing. It is important to note that because there are multiple ways to define caring from different paradigms, the frame of reference is imperative to understand the definition.

The purpose of this paper is to analyze three conceptualizations of caring and discuss the relevance of incorporating theory into practice.

Watson's Theory of Caring

Watson [1] defines caring as: "the moral ideal of nursing whereby the end is protection, enhancement, and preservation of human dignity. Human caring involves values, a will and a commitment to care, knowledge, caring actions, and consequences. All of human caring is related to inter subjective human response to health-illness; environmental-personal interaction; a knowledge of the nurse caring process; self knowledge, knowledge of one's power and transaction limitations" (p. 501). Moreover, Watson posits that "the essence of the value of human care and caring may be futile unless it contributes to a philosophy of action. . . . The actual concrete action of caring can transcend the value (and pass it on). . . . The value of caring is grounded in the self-transcending creative nurse" (p. 52). She further believes that human-to-human caring interactions of nursing cannot be validated or understood using a "positivistic, deterministic, materialistic mind set" [1].

Watson [1] acknowledges the differences between traditional science and human science. They are as follows:

Traditional Science Content	Nursing Human Science for Caring
Normative	Ignative
Reductionistic	Transactional
Mechanistic	Metaphysical, Humanistic-contextual
Method-centered	Phenomena-centered
Disease-centered	Person-experience centered
Pathology-physiology, the physical body	Human responses to illness and personal meanings of human condition
Ethics of 'science'	Human-social ethics- morality
More quantitative	More qualitative
Absolutes, givens, laws	Relativism, probabilities
Human as object	Human as subject
Objective experiences	Subjective-intersubjective experiences
Facts	Experience, meaning
Nonethetic	Idiographic +/- nomothetic
Concrete-observable	Abstract- may or may not "be seen"

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Analytical

Science as product

Human = sum of parts *etc.*
 (bio-psycho-socio-cultural-
 spiritual-being)

"Real" is that which is
 measurable, observable, and
 knowable

Dialectical, philosophical,
 metaphysical

Science as creative process of
 discovery

Human = mind/body/spirit gestalt
 of whole being (not only more
 than sum of parts, but different)

"Real" is abstract, largely subjective
 as well as objective, but is may
 or may not ever be fully known,
 observable, fully measured,
 what is "real" holds mystery and
 unknowns yet to be discovered

A nurse is required to perform certain acts for her patient which are legally and ethically binding. Watson [1] posits that the value of human care and caring is more than the mere action of performance. Caring involves a sense of self identity and spirit of the person. It involves a pure sense of dedication and commitment to the patient. A specific action of caring may transcend the value because it is "grounded in the self-transcending creative nurse" [1].

The following are Watson's [1] eleven assumptions related to Human Care Values in Nursing:

1. Care and love are the most universal, the most tremendous, and the most mysterious of cosmic forces; they comprise the primal and universal psychic energy.
2. Often these needs are overlooked; or we know people need each other in loving and caring ways, but often we do not behave well toward each other. If our humanness is to survive, however, we need to become more caring and loving to nourish our humanity and evolve as a civilization and love together.
3. Since nursing is a caring profession, its ability to sustain its caring ideal and ideology in practice will affect the human development of civilization and determine nursing's contribution to society.

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Caring in Nursing Classics Marlaine C. Smith, 2012-12-12 Print CourseSmart **Nursing** Anne H. Bishop, 1991

Nursing takes a practicalist turn as the authors explore answers to the question Will nursing continue to be viewed as an applied science or will its reinterpretation as a caring practice be fully realized By overvaluing medical science particularly in the nursing diagnosis movement scholars have inadvertently distorted nursing practice Nursing is a caring practice that transcends the limits of technology This thoughtful book will inspire discussions of ethics issues and trends and theory and research

Theory and Practice of Nursing Lynn Basford, Oliver Slevin, 2003 This is a comprehensive guide to the theory and practice of nursing addressing the nursing theory and skills specific to clients and patients needs Each chapter has learning outcomes study activities and reflection to prompt readers to learn as they read

Expertise in Nursing Practice Patricia Benner, Christine Tanner, Catherine Chesla, 2009-03-16 Named a 2013 Doody's Core Title Nursing practice is a complex and varied field that requires precision dedication care and expertise Clinicians must have both the skills and the tools to attend to changes in patients responses recognize trends and understand the nature of their patients conditions over time This book clearly delineates the skills needed to become an expert nurse In this new edition the editors present a report of a six year study of over 130 hospital nurses working in critical care Expanding upon the study conducted in the previous edition this new book documents and analyzes hundreds of new clinical narratives that track the development of clinical skill acquisition including caring clinical judgment workplace ethics and more Highlights of this book Includes transitional guidance for nurses new to the field Discusses the primacy of caring and the importance of good clinical judgment Includes new practice models including the Dreyfus Model of Skill Acquisition Provides guidelines for strengthening the nurse patient relationship Presents implications for nursing education and patient safety Ultimately this work defines expertise in nursing practice The book serves as a valuable resource that will enable nurses to expand their knowledge base cultivate their clinical skills and become successful experts in nursing practice

Public / Community Health and Nursing Practice Christine L. Savage, 2019-10-10 How do you solve population level health problems and develop appropriate nursing interventions This unique problem solving case based approach shows you how You'll encounter different case studies in every chapter that explore concepts such as community assessments public health policy and surveillance Step by step you'll develop the knowledge and skills you need to apply public health principles across a variety of health care settings special populations and scenarios

Quality Caring in Nursing and Health Systems, Third Edition Joanne Duffy, 2018-05-28 Quality Caring in Nursing and Health Systems Third Edition delivers a detailed framework of the Quality Caring Model a theory that analyzes the relationships among the self the community served patients and families and the health care team As the population requiring healthcare increases so does the room for error and the demand for patient centered care The health system focused on procedures protocols technology and lower costs continues to inflict unnecessary harms upon already

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clear accessible language this book will be an invaluable resource to nursing students nursing scholars clinical nurses nurse educators nurse researchers and nurse leaders Duffy s approach will help create a redesigned patient care delivery system focused on the primacy of caring relationships Quality Caring in Nursing and Health Systems Joanne Duffy, 2013-04-23 First Edition named an AJN Book of the Year Joanne Duffy makes a compelling argument in this book that relationships have been marginalized and no longer serve as the central organizing principle of health services This book resonates with a virtual groundswell of findings regarding the importance of relationships for organizational performance and for human wellbeing Jody Hoffer Gittel Professor of Management Brandeis University This edition stresses the proven need for a return to the patient centered care neglected through our health system s emphasis on procedures protocols diagnostic testing technology and costs It addresses the significant challenges to quality care posed by the upcoming changes in our health care system and focuses on health systems the role of nursing within them and the interprofessional health team as the key to change ensuring high quality care The book responds to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act s focus on accountable care organizations the recent IOM s Future of Nursing Report the call for radical transformation of nursing education and current evidence on patient safety and quality of care This text explores the Quality Caring Model which honors nursing s most deeply felt value and can be applied to clinical educational and leadership practice to advance our nation s health system Among the book s strengths are its translation of theoretical knowledge to practical applications that can be used for clinical interventions and resolution of professional issues Chapters include key terms case studies along with practical exercises and references and Calls to Action offering inspiration and guidance for implementing change New to the Second Edition Focuses on current challenges to quality care posed by upcoming changes to our health system Addresses health systems the interprofessional health team and the role of nursing within them Combines theoretical foundations for practice with clinical leadership and educational applications Examines the powerful role of relationships in promoting nursing excellence improving patient satisfaction and patient outcomes Serves as a key guide for graduate nurse educators and students nurse leaders and hospital leadership seeking Magnet certification Incorporates recommendations of the Affordable Care Act s focus on accountable care organizations the IOM s Future of Nursing Report educational transformation and current research on safety and quality of care **Expertise in Nursing Practice, Second Edition** Patricia Benner RN, PhD, FAAN, Christine Tanner RN, PhD, FAAN, Catherine Chesla RN, DNSc, 2009-03-16 Named a 2013 Doody s Core Title Nursing practice is a complex and varied field that requires precision dedication care and expertise Clinicians must have both the skills and the tools to attend to changes in patients responses recognize trends and understand the nature of their patients conditions over time This book clearly delineates the skills needed to become an expert nurse In this new edition the editors present a report of a six year study of over 130 hospital nurses working in critical care Expanding upon the study conducted in the previous edition this new book documents and analyzes hundreds of new clinical narratives

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Quality Caring in Nursing and Health Systems Joanne Duffy, PhD RN Faan, 2023-02-28 Praise for Previous Editions I enjoyed the book It was well written current and timely with changes in the healthcare system The reflective questions and practice analysis were great and would be wonderful to use with students at the graduate and undergraduate levels Doody's Medical Reviews Freshly updated this acclaimed text demonstrates how nurses can promote caring relationships with individuals groups and communities in various health care settings to ensure better patient outcomes lower costs and greater clinician well being The book is grounded in the author's Quality Caring Model a middle range theory that analyzes relationships among the self the community patients and families and the health care team It expands upon the concept of self caring and examines current thinking on employee work engagement and creating value Interviews with practicing nurses who describe current healthcare challenges and strategies for managing them also enrich the text Written for nursing students clinicians educators and leaders the book delves into the intricacies of relational healthcare and imparts strategies to ameliorate the ills of our current health system by focusing on nursing care that advances equity pursues innovative and advanced educational experiences leads and engages in practice across multiple settings Chapters apply the model to patients and families and provide optimal learning strategies to facilitate quality caring competencies Woven throughout the text are case studies interviews exemplars and relevant lessons to put theory into practice An Instructor's Manual includes a crosswalk of QCM concepts core competencies and performance standards student assignments reflections and value exercises and PowerPoints New to the Fourth Edition Instructor resources and power point slides Updates to address latest recommendations from NAM's The Future of Nursing 2020-2030 ANA's 2021 Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice AACN's 2021 The Essentials and AACN's 2021 Entry to Practice Nurse Residency Program Standards Expanded content on the challenges of self caring with practical guidance for preventing moral injury Examples of caring behaviors in action Current thinking on employee work engagement and creating value Interviews with practicing nurses reflecting challenges and strategies for dealing with current state of healthcare Updated information on resiliency long term career planning and work engagement Revised educational and leadership strategies to address the post pandemic health system Key Features Examines in depth the evolution key concepts and clinical educational and leadership applications of the Quality Caring Model Underscores the significance of caring relationships in improving the safety and quality of healthcare systems Delivers

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Health Care System Transformation for Nursing and Health Care Leaders
Anne Boykin, Savina Schoenhofer, Kathleen Valentine, 2013-09-10 The authors approach to creating a transforming culture through use of foundations laid in the theoretical development of Nursing As Caring offers a solid foundation upon which to recalibrate and reconfigure toward a caring organizational health system Tim Porter O Grady DM EdD APRN FAAN FACCWS Associate Professor Leadership Scholar College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation Arizona State University Clinical Professor Leadership Scholar College of Nursing The Ohio State University This is a time tested practical guide for nurses and other healthcare professionals who wish to transform their healthcare systems based on caring values and the promotion of intra and inter professional dialogue among stakeholders It describes a theoretically grounded model created by nurses for transforming the culture of healthcare systems at all levels and features tested strategies that facilitate accessibility efficiency effectiveness and enhanced outcomes At its most basic level this model the Dance of Caring Persons expresses the fundamental beliefs and attitudes that each person in the healthcare system lives caring meaningfully in unique and valuable ways and the contributions of each person to the whole of the enterprise have a significant place within it The book features successful examples of how various units of the healthcare system can apply specific strategies to their inter and intra professional work and how to engage and sustain authentic dialogue among and between stakeholders Chapters feature information from a great variety of health professionals that represent a broad range of participants in healthcare Detailed information is presented in a variety of formats ranging from formal written responses to chapter contents to transcriptions of small group conversations relating to the topic at hand The book reflects the interests of such major stakeholders as patients and families nurses physicians and other primary and adjunctive care providers ancillary service providers administrators and managers and all other individuals involved in the many aspects of organizational models and delivery of

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Nursing Case Studies in Caring Charlotte Barry, Shirley Gordon, Beth King, 2015-06-04 Uncovers the art and science of nursing grounded in caring for all nursing situations Grounded in the belief that caring is the central domain of nursing this innovative book presents a new approach to nursing situations These are case studies depicting shared lived experiences between the nurse and patient that are studied from various theoretical perspectives They are designed to foster a nursing student's ability to care effectively for a patient family or group Each case study features a compelling scenario that engages the reader to feel and fully participate in the caring experience The book presents a variety of situations that new and experienced nurses are likely to encounter many of which present scenarios that require caring for a patient under difficult or complex circumstances The book addresses the need as defined by leading health care and nursing education

organizations for the study of nursing from a contextual story oriented perspective It is based on the Barry Gordon King Teaching Learning Nursing Framework developed as a guide to uncover the art and science of nursing grounded in caring in all nursing situations Following a description of the framework s foundational concepts the text describes how to use nursing situations to facilitate learning The scenarios offer detailed practical strategies for analyzing nursing situations in ways that bring to life the simple and complex practice of nursing grounded in caring These real life stories also help students understand the impact of health conditions on individuals and families thereby fostering empathy Case studies address nursing situations across a variety of populations health concerns and practice settings Using multiple ways of knowing and understanding each scenario concludes with direct and reflective questions that help students develop nursing knowledge and skills The book serves as a core resource for nurse educators and students at all levels seeking to study the art and science of nursing grounded in caring Additionally the book is a resource for in service educators in health care systems that specifically address caring as an essential value for practice

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A Global Agenda for Caring Delores A. Gaut,1993 Compiling the work of nurse scholars from five continents this book s hows how caring s applicability cuts across cultural and geographic borders A Global Agenda for Caring is a significant contribution to t he world s body of research on caring and it brings us closer to realizing the full potential of studying caring worldwide

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