SHOW ME YOUR SCOPE OF PRACTICE

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2016
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TIME TO CELEBRATE

Nurses Week is a time to pause and celebrate what nurses do every day to care for patients and make the world a better and safer place.

For 14 straight years, nurses have rated as the most trusted and ethical profession – above all professions. Stop and think how powerful that is.

At the same time, many people do not truly know or appreciate the wide range of things nurses do each day, despite the incredible and well-deserved recognition.

In celebration of National Nurses Week in 2016, we want to expose the full scope of practice of registered nurses and the growing and diverse roles they play in caring for the health of people locally and globally.

Sincerely,

The Nurses of Elsevier

#NURSES WEEK
DID YOU KNOW NURSES HAVE A UNIQUE SCOPE OF PRACTICE?

- Nurses plan and coordinate care
- Nurses execute treatment and interventions
- Nurses provide teaching
- Nurses evaluate outcomes

All of them are based on integration of evidence, clinical expertise, and correlation to patient situations. Nurses are the frontline to evidence-based practice (EBP).
A NURSE’S SCOPE OF PRACTICE INCLUDES THINGS YOU CAN SEE AND THINGS YOU CANNOT SEE

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NURSING SCOPE OF PRACTICE: PROVIDE KNOWLEDGEABLE ACTION

Deliver prescribed medical treatment because it is the right thing to do.

Nurses partner with providers to deliver knowledgeable action and assure the patients receive prescribed medical treatment as a critical step in healing and maintaining health.

- Medications
- Procedures
- Consultations
- Therapies
NURSING SCOPE OF PRACTICE: KEEP PATIENTS SAFE

Assess, monitor, detect, and prevent complications associated with health situations or treatment plans.

Nurses prevent “failure to rescue” when patients are at risk for potential complications. Nurses are at the frontline of care and aim to prevent complications from occurring and/or managing them.

- Nurse Sensitive Outcomes
  *Pain, Falls, Skin, Nosocomial Infections*
- Skill Competency
- Omissions of Care
- Patient Education
- Clinical Reasoning
NURSING SCOPE OF PRACTICE: MAKE THE HUMAN CONNECTION

Assess, monitor, detect, diagnose, and treat the human response.

Nurses look beyond the illness and disease. Every patient has a personal human response to the situation. Nurses are there to guide, comfort and support holistic care.
**OH, THE PLACES NURSES CAN GO**

One of the many upsides of nursing is the many paths that can be taken to create a fulfilling career. The choices and diversity of roles are endless! In clinical practice, nurses can “show their scope of practice” no matter what their clinical specialty. In roles beyond the point of care, nurses bring their unique knowledge, caring and wisdom to all opportunities and situations.
PASS IT ON

During National Nurses Week 2016, be sure to thank the people in your life that make this profession so important. Please join us at Elsevier Clinical Solutions and thank a nurse today! The nurse may be a relative, spouse, co-worker or care provider.

We believe that if every nurse practiced their full scope of practice and if every person understood what nurses really did, we would have a true culture of safety.

We also invite you to share our Nurse Week 2016 eBook with the nurses in your life, with friends and family, and via social media.

Pass it on!

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