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 The nursing profession is fast gaining full range prominence because of the significance of the nurses in the society. It is because there have been a significant increase in the number of diseases according to the environment changes. The nurses have also had increased education and also advanced their educational needs. There are however some ethical considerations that nurses have to employ in the line of their service delivery. Most importantly, the nurses have to obey their professional ethical conduct (Lueter et al. 2013). A case example is a nurse should always ensure they employ good hygiene standard before administering care to the patients. The nurses will also have to apply proper communication skills with the patients and their families.

 In a standardhealthcare setting, there are a legion of ethical issues that do compromise on the excellent reputation built by the nurses themselves. There was a case in a local health care facility in which the nurses could not find the health records of the of an ailing patient who was back in the hospital after two weeks of visiting. He was kept in the queue for a long time waiting for medical intervention. To make it worse, the patient was initially diagnosed with hypertension and also had stage one diabetes.

 The family members were also worried by the level of incompetency registered in the healthcare facility. It was later found that the records were misplaced in one particular shift when the nurse mixed the files with the ones of the patients with head injuries. The datawas later found,and a lot of apologetic messages reached the client. Most of the other visiting patients become curious in the scenario and a crowd slowly developed in the area of the incident (Lilemoen & Pedersen, 2013). Most of them and their family members had a feeling that their records would as well get lost within the departments.

 Poor record keeping is a primary ethical concern in many of the hospital settings. Due to the large number of visiting patients, there might be erroneous and unintentional placement of some files belonging to the clients. The best way for the management of the healthcare facility to clean the mess is to allow for the incorporation of the electronics systems in record keeping. The use of computers will allow for accurate storage of data. On the other hand, the most recent payment methods will allow for proper record keeping of the hospital’s funds.

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