

Program Outcome #5: Advocates for positive health outcomes through compassionate, evidence-based, collaborative advanced nursing practice. (Extraordinary Nursing)

I was able to achieve this program outcome in the palliative setting when we refer our patients with progressive chronic conditions to home health with outpatient palliative by collaborating with the patient's providers, discharge planner, and all other disciplines involved in patient's care. This also includes having patients and their family present as we establish plan of care. These discharge meetings ensure that patients are transitioned to home safely with appropriate assistance. A priority is also required for those special case patients requiring comprehensive and complicated conditions, with a need for a timely care such as use of medical equipment for antibiotic infusions, feeding tubes, or a wound vac. The key factor of collaboration is to have an organizational trust defined by confidence in cooperative team and individuals. Communication is the essential element of collaboration. It is in communication that we are able to obtain trust and illuminate the roles of each member of the team, which is a powerful asset for a successful collaboration between organizational systems (Lundereng, et al., 2020).

Another example of advocating for positive health outcome in my clinical rotation is every morning, we huddle as a team. This is done in our office before we see patients and we go through our list with another nurse practitioner. This gives us the opportunity to discuss about our patients, recognize concerns, and address unresolved issues. It also gives us a dedicated time to familiarize other patients that we are not seeing, which I find crucial when working as a team. Daily healthcare huddles have remarkably revealed an improvement in patient safety by promoting teamwork, producing a standard communication system, and provides a sense of sharing responsibility among the team. The implementation of huddles assists in improving staff accountability, facilitate a collaboration culture, and promote an enhanced community and empowerment (Rowan, et al., 2022).