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| **Provision 1.** The nurse, in all professional relationships, practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth and uniqueness of every individual, unrestricted by considerations of social or economic status, personal attributes or the nature of health problems. | - Practice with compassion and respect in all professional relationships.  
- We have a professional obligation to move beyond feelings of frustration, anger, revulsion and disgust.  
- How we present ourselves as health professionals to individuals needing care truly matters.  
- At the end of our work shift, have people been left better or worse for having experienced us? | Ohio Revised Code (ORC/Nurse Practice Act) 4723.41  
ORC 4723.28-disciplinary action  
ORC 4723.07  
Ohio Admin. Code (OAC): 4723-4-06 (J & K) |
| **Provision 2.** The nurse’s primary commitment is to the patient, whether an individual, family, group, or community. | - Put the patient first-center of nursing ethics—primary obligation.  
- Recognize patient rights.  
- Ethical sensitivity a must!  
- When thinking through ethically problematic situations, nurse should answer some questions:  
  0 What are my feelings & values about the situation; are they influencing how I respond?  
  0 Primary obligation to patient: what should I do to be ethical? | OAC 4723-4-06(I)-(boundaries)  
OAC 4723-4-06(L) 1 & 4  
OAC 4723-4-06(G)  
RN’s: 4723-4-03 (competent practice as RN)  
LPN’s: 4723-4-04 (competent practice as an LPN) |
| **Provision 3.** The nurse promotes, advocates for, and strives to protect the health, safety and rights of the patient. | - Protection of patient (all who encounter the nurse and need assistance to protect their universal health needs).  
- Preserve and safeguard the worth & dignity of all persons; safeguard pt. information  
- Privacy refers to aspects of the pt’s life & info that they can control; nurse is charged with helping to preserve that control.  
- Part of our ethical responsibility is to be active leaders in healthcare, not passive followers.  
- Nurses have the ethical obligation to identify source of error & take steps to eliminate it. | OAC 4723-4-03 (stds. of competent practice for RN’s)  
OAC 4723-4-03(H)-(confidentiality) -04 (H) (I)  
OAC 4723-4-04 (stds. of competent practice for LPN’s)  
OAC 4723-4-05 (stds. of competent practice CNP, CRNA, CNS)  
OAC 4723-4-06 (I) (stds. of practice for promoting client safety) |
| **Provision 4.** The nurse is responsible and accountable for individual nursing practice and determines the appropriate delegation of tasks consistent with the nurse’s obligation to provide optimum patient care. | - Responsibility & accountability for actions and judgments belong solely to nurse making decisions.  
- This helps public to better understand the level to which nurses as professionals hold themselves & one another accountable/responsible for nursing practice.  
- Prof. nursing accountability in | OAC 4723-13 (delegation of nursing tasks)  
OAC 4723-13-02 & 05  
OAC 4723-06(O)  
OAC 4723-26 (community healthcare workers) |
either direct or indirect pt. care helps to ensure accurate, safe, high quality service.
- Nurse is held accountable to make adjustments to practice based on changing systems; healthcare is constantly changing & so must nurse’s knowledge/practice.
- Liability occurs when nurse breaches a duty or obligation associated with performance role.
- MUST ALWAYS BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL OUTCOME IN ANY SITUATION.

**Provision 5.** The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to preserve integrity and safety, to maintain competence, and to continue personal and professional growth.

- Professional growth & development is responsibility of nurse; moves nurse beyond competence.
- Not limited to knowledge & skill necessary for pt. care, but also includes issues, concerns, controversies, & ethics.
- What we are personally, we are professionally; 2 identities not separate but integrated.
- Involves wholeness of character, identity and integrity.

**Provision 6.** The nurse participates in establishing, maintaining, and improving healthcare environments and conditions of employment conducive to the provision of quality health care and consistent with the values of the profession through individual and collective action.

- Influence of environment on moral virtues & values, ethical obligations, & nurse’s interactions with colleagues and peers.
- Moral character is core of who we are as a person & is expressed in who we are & what we do, even when no one sees.
- Integrity is at the core of character (lead by example, role model behavior)
- Speaking up regarding broken rules, mistakes, lack of support, incompetence, poor teamwork, disrespect & micromanagement is a moral obligation. (“Silence Kills: the 7 Crucial Conversations for Healthcare”, Maxfield, D.J.)

**Provision 7.** The nurse participates in the advancement of the profession through contributions to practice, education, administration, and knowledge development.

- Nurse has just as much of an obligation to profession as the profession has to individual nurse.
- Translate new knowledge into practice.
- Responsible for applying new knowledge into our practice.

- Patient safety is in our hands and is our responsibility.
- Patient privacy & confidentiality relates to their expectation and right to be treated with dignity and respect.

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### Provision 8. The nurse collaborates with other health professionals and the public in promoting community, national, and international efforts to meet health needs.

- Respect for diverse populations & their way of life, cultural values.
- Patient well-being dependent on vibrant, evolving nursing profession that’s responsive and able to anticipate needs of society & healthcare systems.
- Systems of healthcare change rapidly & nursing must anticipate & adapt to these changes in order to meet the needs of the patient.

Upholding HIPAA laws is our responsibility as a profession.

### Provision 9. The profession of nursing, as represented by associations and their members, is responsible for articulating nursing values, for maintaining the integrity of the profession and its practice, and for shaping social policy.

- Our personal values should not be imposed on others.
- Ask self: Do your values conflict with nursing values?
- Nurses should be involved with public policy that promotes public good; public needs to see nurses as valuable, contributing participants in health policy.
- Nurses need to be aware of changes in professional practice standards and health policy.
- Need to create the moral link between personal life, individual practice & profession of nursing as a whole.

Do you maintain your boundaries as a professional nurse, and respect patient privacy, confidentiality and uphold the HIPAA laws?