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# Code of Ethics For Nurses

Let the *Code of Ethics for Nurses* inspire and guide your journey in nursing as you contribute to the health and dignity of individuals and communities.

**PROVISION 1: Dignity and Respect**

The nurse practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and unique attributes of every person.

**PROVISION 2: Primary Commitment**

A nurse's primary commitment is to the recipient(s) of nursing care, whether an individual, family, group, community, or population.

**PROVISION 3: Trust and Advocacy**

The nurse establishes a trusting relationship and advocates for the rights, health, and safety of recipient(s) of nursing care.

**PROVISION 4: Responsibility and Accountability for Practice**

Nurses have authority over nursing practice and are responsible and accountable for their practice consistent with their obligations to promote health, prevent illness, and provide optimal care.

**PROVISION 5: Duties to Self**

The nurse has moral duties to self as a person of inherent dignity and worth including an expectation of a safe place to work that fosters flourishing, authenticity of self at work, and self-respect through integrity and professional competence.

**PROVISION 6: Ethical Work Environments**

Nurses, through individual and collective effort, establish, maintain, and improve the ethical environment of the work setting that affects nursing care and the well-being of nurses.

**PROVISION 7: Knowledge Development and Social Policy**

Nurses advance the profession through multiple approaches to knowledge development, professional standards, and the generation of policies for nursing, health, and social concerns.

**PROVISION 8: Collaborative Relationships**

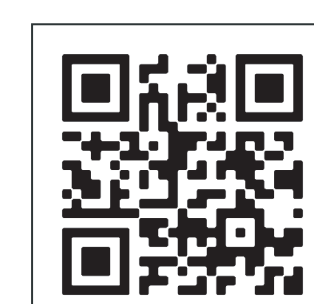
Nurses build collaborative relationships and networks with nurses, other healthcare and nonhealthcare disciplines, and the public to achieve greater ends.

**PROVISION 9: Commitment to Society and Social Justice**

Nurses and their professional organizations work to enact and resource practices, policies, and legislation to promote social justice, eliminate health inequities, and facilitate human flourishing.

**PROVISION 10: NEW! A Global Nursing Community**

Nursing, through organizations and associations, participates in the global nursing and health community to promote human and environmental health, well-being, and flourishing.



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