Personal Philosophy of Nursing

Every person has a philosophy of how to live their life. A nurse has to have her own special personal philosophy about how to perform her duties in the context of the healthcare system. I believe that a patient is a human being who is entitled to the best care possible. He or she is entitled to be treated fairly, with respect, and with dignity. They should not be lied to and be informed of all decisions pertaining to their treatment.

In general, for the whole nursing profession, I think that as an educated professional a nurse should treat her patients with kindness and respect. If necessary, she should advocate for her patient in order to get the best possible outcome. Every nurse needs to treat all patients equally, even if the patients are difficult, angry, or confused. Since a nurse is accountable for her actions, she should make sure to be very careful with the medications and advice dispensed. Since nurses are human beings and may themselves become victims of alcohol or drug addiction, they need to have the integrity to seek treatment and not to take care of patients while under the influence.

A nurse touches a patient's life. Whether in a hospital, in a community, in a clinic, she has a chance to make a positive or negative impression. Therefore, it is important that she remembers to make a lasting positive impact. The whole profession of nursing reflects the sum total of positive or negative perceptions of the clients or patients. Till now the profession has left a positive impression and it should stay that way.