

Learner Outcomes/Objectives

1. Explain the role of the Forensic Nurse
 - * Compare to the LNC/EW
2. Explain Collaboration of the two roles
 - * Skill Set – Collection of Evidence
 - * Skill Set – Medical/Legal Evidence
3. Explain the importance of Forensics
 - * As it relates to the LNC/EW
 - * As it relates to Attorney, Court (Trial)
4. Demonstrate understanding of collaborating these two nursing fields into one.



Definitions and Abbreviations

- Forensic Science is the use of science and technology to enforce civil and criminal laws.
- Forensic nurse is a registered or advanced practice nurse who has received specific education and training. Forensic nurses provide specialized care for patients who are experiencing acute and long-term health consequences associated with victimization or violence and/or have unmet evidentiary needs relative to having been victimized or accused of victimization.
- Medicine is the science or practice of the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.
- Law is the system of rules which a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties.
- Evidence is the available body of facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid.



Objective 1 – Role of the Forensic Nurse

- The purpose of this objective is to identify how forensic science can play an integral role in assisting the legal nurse consultant (LNC) and expert witness (EW) in day-to-day collaboration with the legal aspects of winning a case.
- Similarities and how learning some forensic techniques can enhance your skills as a LNC/EW.



Objective 2 – Collaboration of Forensics/LNC/EW

1. Collection of Evidence (Medical Records, Depositions of Witnesses, Affidavits of EW)
2. Medical/Legal Evidence
 - *Research the Plaintiff/Defendant
 - *Nursing Home
 - *Acute Care Hospital
 - *Clinic
 - *Manufacturers (Previous Recalls of equipment)

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Is your Evidence ready for trial?



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What evidence would you have collected?



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Objective 3 Importance of Forensics (Nurse)

- Related to LNC/EW Reports
- Being highly analytical , by analyzing and solving complex problems
- Maintaining perfect accuracy in investigations by keeping impeccable records as they may need to report them in court cases.
- Truthful assessment is critical because one is expected to uphold the law and act ethically.
- Relates to Attorney/Court (trial)
- Drawing conclusions from studies
- Creating and reviewing medical/legal documents
- Advising clients
- Collecting information through computer research and providing a report based on the information – affidavit or opinion statement.

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