

The Importance of Clinical Judgment

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Objectives



Discuss the call for nursing education to prepare students to perform clinical judgment



Examine the clinical judgment process



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Importance of Clinical Judgment



- Clinical Judgment effects patient safety and client outcomes (Fedoko & Driefuerst, 2022)
- Clinical decisions made every 30 seconds in acute/critical care setting (Yang, 2014; Nibbelink & Brewer 2018)
- **Fifty percent** of novice nurses are involved in patient safety events and critical incidents (Cantrell, Meriani, & Lengel, 2020)



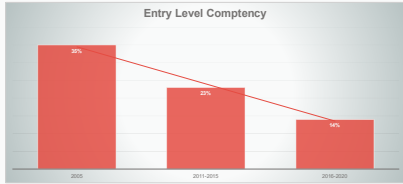
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Importance of Clinical Judgment

- Recognize urgent changes in patient condition
- Respond appropriately to manage patient's condition



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Importance of Clinical Judgment



- The amount and complexity of learning that needs to occur in nursing education is often overshadowed by a focus on tasks rather than CJ skills (Mashita, Rush, & Andersen, 2018)
- Nursing knowledge and clinical judgment result in improved client outcomes (Kemer et al., 2019)
- Educators must incorporate learning activities that focus on development of clinical judgment, to prepare graduates for practice (Kavanagh & Sweda, 2017)

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Clinical judgment is linked to 46% of tasks performed by entry-level nurses.

— National Council of State Boards of Nursing (2018)



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Create Learning Activities to Support Clinical Judgment

TIPS AND TRICKS



- Identify a health alteration and brainstorm a client situation related to the learning objectives for your class, lab, or clinical
- Guide For CJ: Framework for developing activities
 - Consider environmental and individual factors as appropriate for the level of the learner
 - Unfold the situation so that all 6 clinical judgment functions are addressed



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Guide for Clinical Judgment



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