

Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center		
TITLE: Nursing Code of Ethics	Policy Number: AD-NU-01	Page 1 of 1
RESPONSIBILITY: Nursing		
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PURPOSE:

- A. To provide the Nursing Services staff guiding principles in their professional conduct when providing client care.

POLICY:

- A. It is the policy of Nursing Services to adopt the American Nurses Association's (ANA) Code of Ethics as the division's code of professional conduct. All nursing staff will abide by the principles set forth in this code to the fullest.

NURSING CODE OF ETHICS:

- A. The nurse practices with compassion and respect for the inherent dignity, worth, and unique attributes of every person.
- B. The nurse's primary commitment is to the patient, whether an individual, family, group, community, or population.
- C. The nurse promotes, advocates for, and protects the rights, health, and safety of the patient.
- D. The nurse has authority, accountability, and responsibility for nursing practice; makes decisions; and takes action consistent with the obligation to promote health and to provide optimal care.
- E. The nurse owes the same duties to self as to others, including the responsibility to promote health and safety, preserve wholeness of character and integrity, maintain competence, and continue personal and professional growth.
- F. The nurse, through individual and collective effort, establishes, maintains, and improves the ethical environment of the work setting and conditions of employment that are conducive to safe, quality health care.
- G. The nurse, in all roles and settings, advances the profession through research and scholarly inquiry, professional standards development, and the generation of both nursing and health policy.
- H. The nurse collaborates with other health professionals and the public to protect human rights, promote health diplomacy, and reduce health disparities.
- I. The profession of nursing, collectively through its professional organizations, must articulate nursing values, maintain the integrity of the profession, and integrate principle of social justice into nursing and health policy.

REFERENCES:

American Nurses Association, Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements, Washington, D.C.: American Nurses Publishing, 2015

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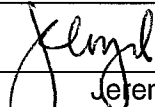
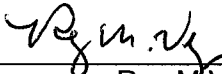
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