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**MSN 700 Advanced Practice Nursing Individual and population based health**

**Safety and Clinical Reasoning Paper**

**Introduction:**

The concept of patient safety in healthcare includes the reduction of error and harm. Additionally, there are just culture considerations that impact continuous improvement to reduce error and harm. A CNS needs to critically reflect on the context of care to impact and improve patient safety.

**Outcome:**

* This assignment relates to the Practicum Outcome: Development of Problem solving skills including clinical reasoning and issues related to safety and a culture of safety.

**Length:** 4-5 pages

**Directions:**

1. Reflect on how issues of safety impact your CNS practice:
   1. What is the role of the APN in QSEN competency development?
   2. What is the impact of “just culture” on patient safety?
   3. How can you use clinical reasoning to work through issues of safety?
2. Answer the following questions in your paper;

* How is safety in direct care CNS practice impacted by context of care? For example, how does just culture impact patient safety?
* Using a clinical reasoning or evidence based practice model, describe a patient safety symptom/problem for your clinical population. Please address each step of your selected model. If you use the clinical reasoning model you would need to have these elements in the paper, for example: key components of problem, context, hypotheses, *nursing* domain etiologies, potential CNS interventions (dose, time, duration), and possible measurements.
* What theories would you apply to develop strategies to improve safety?
* After reflecting on just culture and patient safety, what areas do you need to develop further? What plans do you need to implement to develop?

**Criteria:**

1. Selects appropriate frameworks, theories, standards of practice and guidelines to thoughtfully describe, analyze, and evaluate own developing APN role behaviors in practicum.

2. Shows critical analysis of implications of safety in care contexts.

3. Effectively describes projected interventions to improve safety in relation to practicum context.

4. Authentically identifies implications for own APN practice and sets new goals as appropriate.

5. Uses accurate writing conventions and APA format to document resources