

Good morning everyone,

Welcome to your orientation as future nurses! Today, I want to talk about something extremely important: ethical practice in nursing. As you embark on this rewarding journey, you'll have the privilege and responsibility to care for patients with compassion and integrity.

Ethical practice involves making decisions that are right and fair, respecting the dignity and rights of every patient. Let's consider a simple scenario: imagine you are taking care of a patient who has refused treatment. You may feel the urge to convince them otherwise, but ethical practice requires you to respect their autonomy and decision.

Remember the four key principles: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice. These will guide your actions and help ensure that every patient receives the best possible care.

As future nurses, you will face ethical dilemmas. When in doubt, consult with your colleagues, speak with your supervisors, and always refer to the code of ethics. Keep communication open and honest, prioritize patient welfare, and maintain confidentiality at all times.

Your dedication to ethical practice will not only protect your patients but will also enhance the integrity of our profession. Let's commit to upholding these principles every day.

Thank you, and best of luck on your journey into nursing!