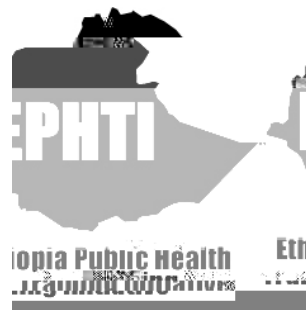


## LECTURE NOTES

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# *Public Health Nursing*



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## Preface

This lecture note is designed to give a public health nursing students a comprehensive introduction to the field of community health nursing.

It is also designed to be a professional resource in order to enlarge the vision and enhance the impact of practicing public health nurses within an escalating demand for nurses to practice in the community. It is important that the meaning of public health nursing as a specialized field of nursing practice be clearly understood.

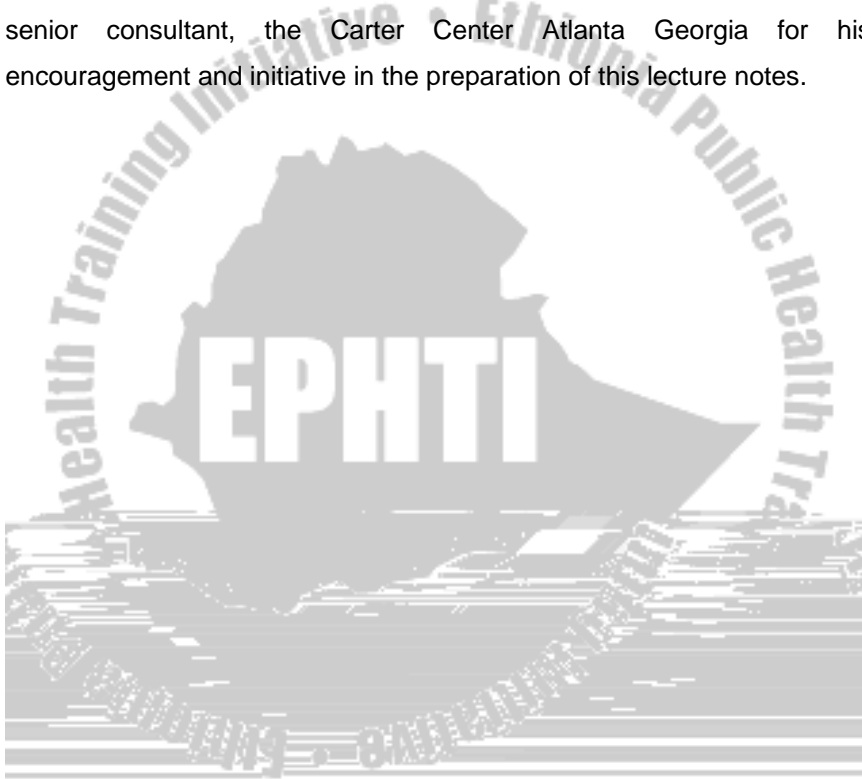
The challenge for the nurse who wishes to practice public health nursing lies in incorporating public health principles with nursing knowledge and skills to offer preventive, promotive, and protective health services that benefit communities.

Most of the textbooks on this specialty are focusing well on the level of industrialized countries. As a result its applicability is major problem for teachers and trainees in developing countries. It is believed that this issue is addressed by emphasizing the functional role of public health nursing students by incorporating the concept of primary health care.

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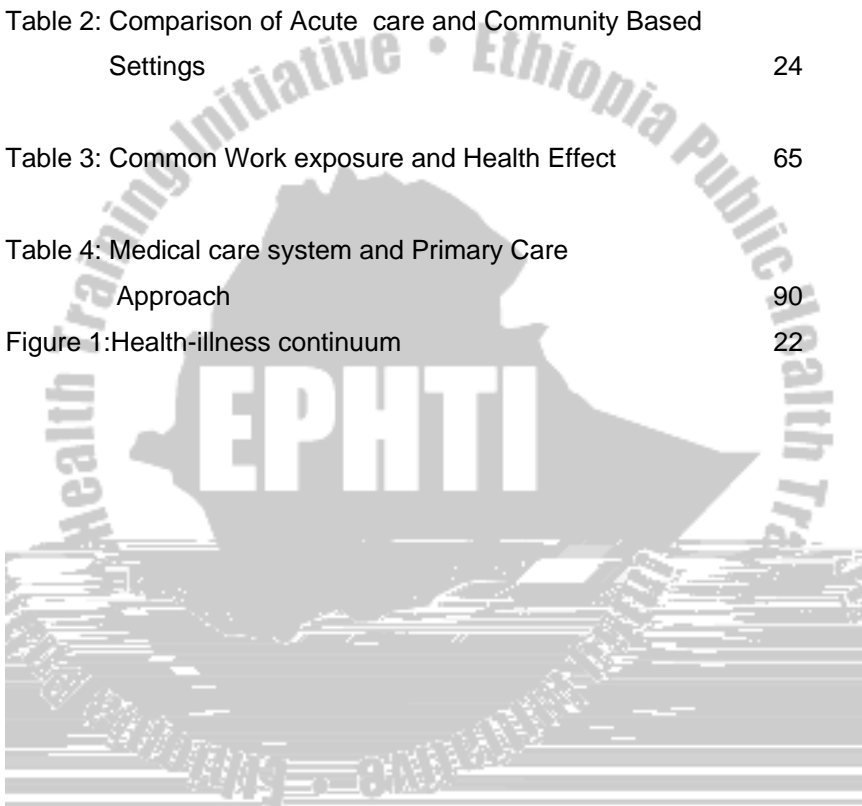


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## Abbreviations



# CHAPTER ONE

## History of Public Health

### Learning Objectives

At the end of this session, each student will be able to:

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- <sup>3</sup> Egyptians about 1000 BC-used principles based on observations and empirical knowledge rather than magic. They also developed a variety of pharmaceutical preparation and constructed earth closets and public drainage systems. They



## Renaissance

- 3 People started opening their minds to new ideas and medicine began to advance
- 3 Supplements the foundation of modern community health

## High Lights of the History Of Ethiopian Health Services

In Ethiopia, the history of medicine followed the same lines. It was influenced by

- Egyptian
- Arab
- Hebrew
- Greek medicine

It was primitive medicine people used to promote human well-being by dispelling evil spirits

- Increasing potency
- Increasing fecundity

These were done by

- Priests
- Onoguisha
- Thankuey

It was in 1866 that scientific medicine entered the country through Swedish Missionaries. They established the 1<sup>st</sup> hospital in Eritrea in 1870. The hospital began to train midwives there. In 1943 the Public Health Department was established under the Ministry of Interior. In 1947 the Ministry of Interior prepared and submitted a proclamation regulating matters concerning public health in Ethiopia. Some of these public health laws are being used still.

In 1948 The Ministry of Public Health was established with technical assistance of WHO, USAID. Goals of the ministry were to provide adequate medical and health services to all sectors of the Ethiopian population. Menelik, the first hospital in Ethiopia was opened by the Russian Red Cross Society.

Russian Red Cross Society began the first nursing training in 1949. It was in 1954 that the Haile Sellasie I Public Health College was opened by the technical support of WHO, UNICEF, and American Point 4, to train

- Health Officers
- Community Nurses and
- Sanitarian

Ethiopia being a member of the World Health Assembly (WHA) started to implement the vertical health services.

#### **A. Vertical Health Service**

Specific programs directed at central level

- Eradication of malaria
- Leprosy and tuberculosis control
- Small pox eradication

This program was- autonomous

- Expensive
- Ineffective

It was supported all in all by foreign agencies. Therefore, WHO, decided that this strategy was not effective and shifted over to basic health services era.

#### **B. Basic Health Services (BHS)**

BHS gave more attention to rural areas through the construction of health

centers, and health stations and tried to emphasize both curative and preventive aspects.

It is this development of BHS that enhanced the establishment of the Gondar Public Health College.

**C. Development of three 5 years plans.**





*Problems identified were:*

- High cost of establishing Health Institutions (HI)
- Predominated by Curative Health Services.
- Inadequate health budget
- Prevailing attitude was for hospital
- Unclear health policy
- No community participation and intersectorial collaboration

Obviously an alternative health care delivery approach was needed, i.e., primary health care (PHC). In summary, the history of the Ethiopian health Service is divided into 4 periods.

1. Period of modern medicine introduction
2. Period of vertical health services
3. The basic health services era
4. Period of PHC approach

### **Duties and Responsibilities of a Public Health Nurse**

#### **Duties:**

##### **a) Promotive :**

- Preparation of community health profile and vital statistics.
- Community survey of major public health problems (assessment of needs)
- Development of programs:
  - Information, education, Communication (IEC)
  - Training of community Health workers
  - Promotion of FP program
  - Participation in sanitation programs
  - Drafting of periodic evaluation reports
  - Involving community at all levels of health activity

##### **b) Preventive:**

- Conducts FP Services

- Organizes and co-ordinates static and outreach expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)
- Controls communicable diseases
- Monitors and conducts surveillance of priority diseases
- Manages and distributes chemoprophylactic drugs



## Review Questions

1. What factors contributed to public health development.
2. Explain people's perception towards health in each development era.
3. Describe the first health delivery system in Ethiopia.
4. Mention the components of basic health service in Ethiopia.



## CHAPTER TWO



2. The district nursing stage
3. The public health nursing stage
4. The community health nursing stage

### **Early Home Care Stage (Before Mid 1800s)**

For many centuries female family members and friends attended the sick at home. The focus of this care was to reduce suffering and promote healing (Kalish and Kalish, 1986). The early roots of home care nursing began with religious and charitable groups.

In England the Elizabethan poor law written in 1601, provided medical and nursing care to the poor and disabled. In Paris, St. Vincent depaul started the sisters of charity in 1617, an organization composed of laywomen dedicated to serving the poor and the needy. In its emphasis on preparing nurses and supervising care as well as determine causes and solutions for clients problems their work laid a foundation for modern community health nursing (Bullough and Bullough, 1978).

The set back of these services were:

1. Social approval following the reformation caused a decline in the number of religious orders with subsequent curtailing of nursing care for the sick and poor.
2. High maternal mortality rates prompted efforts to better prepare midwives and medical students.
3. Industrial revolution created additional problems: among them were epidemics, high infant mortality, occupational diseases, injuries and increasing mental illness both in Europe and America.

It was in the midst of these deplorable conditions and response to them that Florence Nighthigale began her work. Much of the foundation for modern community health nursing practice was laid through Florence Nightingale remarkable accomplishments. Florence Nightingale's concern

for population at risk as well as her vision and successful efforts at health reform provided a model for community health nursing today.

### **District Nursing (Mid 1800s to 1900)**

The next stage in the development of community health nursing was the formal organization of visiting nursing or district nursing. Although district nurses primarily care for the sick, they also thought cleanliness and wholesome living to their patients, even in that early period. Florence Nightingale referred to them as "health nurse". This early emphasis on prevention and "health" nursing became one of the distinguishing features of district nursing and later of public health nursing as a specialty.

The work of district nurses focused almost exclusively on the care of individuals. District nurses recorded temperatures and pulse rates and gave simple treatments to the sick poor under the immediate direction of a physician. They also instructed family members in personal hygiene, diet and healthful living habits and the care of the sick.

Problems of district nurses:

- Increased number of immigrants
- Increased crowded city slums
- Inadequate sanitation practices
- Unsafe and unhealthy working conditions

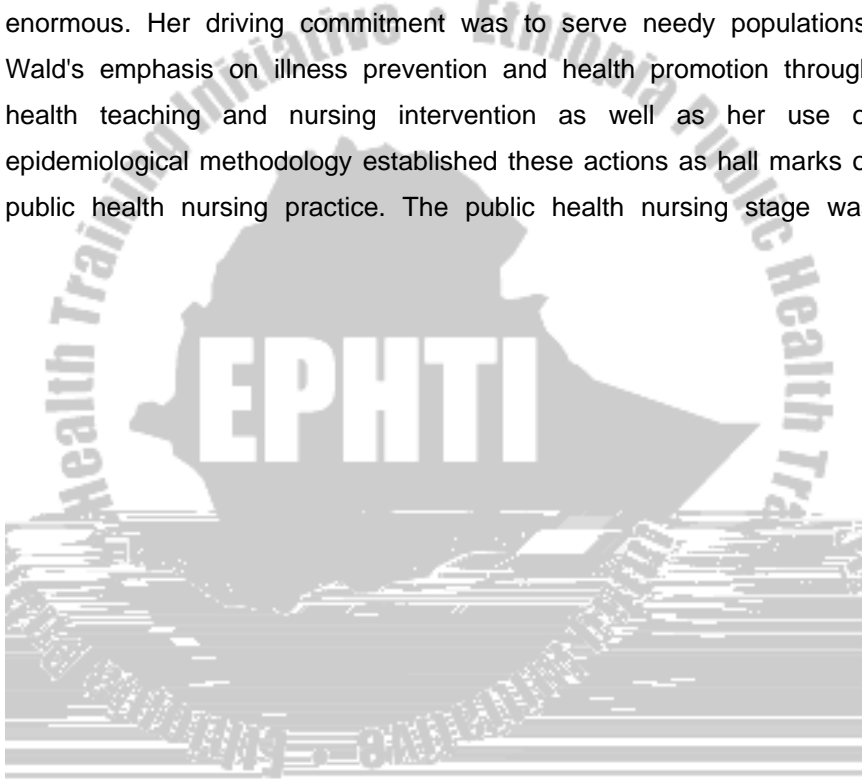
Nonetheless, nursing educational programs at that time did not truly prepare district nurses to cope with their patients, multiple health, and social problems.

### **Public Health Nursing Training (1900 -1970)**

By the turn of the century, district nursing had broadened its focus to include the health and welfare of the general public, not just the poor. This new emphasis was part of a broader consciousness about public

health. Specialized programs such as infant welfare; tuberculosis clinics and venereal disease control were developed, causing a demand for nurses to work in these areas. This development was important; it brought health care and health teaching to the public and gave nurses an opportunity for more independent work, and helped to improve nursing education (Bullough and Bullough 1978, pp.143).

Lillian D.Wald's (1867 - 1940) contributions to public health nursing were enormous. Her driving commitment was to serve needy populations. Wald's emphasis on illness prevention and health promotion through health teaching and nursing intervention as well as her use of epidemiological methodology established these actions as hall marks of public health nursing practice. The public health nursing stage was



Public health nursing, viewed as a part of community health nursing, was described as generalist practice for nurses prepared with basic public health content at the baccalaureate level and a specialized practice for nurses prepared in the public health at the masters level or beyond.

The debate over these areas of c





**Table 1:** The Summary of Development of Community Health Nursing

Stages	Focus	Nursing Orientatio n	Service Emphasis	Institutional base
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nursing sciences, which makes its philosophical orientation and the nature of its practice unique.

## **Societal Influences on Community Health Nursing**

### **Development**

Many factors influenced the growth of community health nursing. Six are particularly significant:

1. Advanced technology
2. Progress in casual thinking
3. Changes in education
4. The changing role of women
5. The consumer movement
6. Economic factors

### **Roles of Community Health Nursing**

One could say that community health nurses wear many hats while conducting day-to-day practices. However, the seven major roles are:-

- A. Clinician
- B. Educator
- C. Advocate
- D. Manager
- E. Collaborator
- F. Leader
- G. Researcher

The most familiar community health nurse role is that of clinician or provider of care. However, giving nursing care takes on new meaning in the context of community health.

#### **A. Clinician role**

The clinician role in the community health means that the nurse ensures that health services are provided, not just to individuals and families but

also to groups and population. For community health nurses the clinician role involves certain emphasis different from basic nursing, i.e. – Holism, health promotion, and skill expansion.

**Holism:** In community health, however, a holistic approach means considering the broad range of interacting needs that affect the collective health of the client as a larger system. The client is a composite of people whose relationships and interactions with each other must be considered in totality.

**Health Promotion focus on wellness:** The community health nurse provides service along the entire range of the wellness – illness continuum but especially emphasis on promotion of health and prevention of illness.

**Expanded skills:** The nurse uses many different skills in the community health clinician role skill. In addition to physical care skill, recently skills in observation, listening, communication and counseling became integral to the clinician role with an increased emphasis on environmental and community wide considerations such as problems with pollution, violence, and crime, drug abuse, unemployment and limited funding for health programs.

## **B. Educator role**

A second important role of the community health nurse is that of educator or health teacher. It is widely recognized that health teaching is a part of good nursing practice and one of the major functions of a community health nurse (Brown, 1988) .The educator role is especially useful in promoting the public's health for at least two reasons. First, the educator role has the potential for finding greater receptivity and providing higher yield results. Second, the educator role in community health nursing is significant because wider audience can be reached. The

emphases throughout the health teaching process continue to be placed



Community health nurses seldom practice in isolation; they must work with many people, including clients, other nurses, physicians, social workers and community leaders, therapists, nutritionists, occupational therapists, psychologists, epidemiologists, biostatisticians, legislators, etc  
As a member of the health team



6. Collect and analyze data
7. Interpret the result
8. Communicate the findings

The community health nurse identifies a problem or question, investigates, by collecting and analyzing data, suggests and evaluates possible solutions and selects and or rejects all solutions and starts the investigative process over again. In one sense, the nurse in gathering data for health planning, investigates health problems in order to design wellness – promoting and disease prevention for the community .

### **Settings of Community Health Nursing Practice**

The types of places in which community health nurses practice are increasingly varied including a growing number of non-traditional settings and partnership with non-health groups. These settings can be grouped into five categories:

1. Homes
2. Out patient department (Ambulatory service settings) in the health institutions
3. Occupational health setting (factories, cottage industries)
4. Social Institutions (Schools, Prisons, Orphanages)
5. The community at large

### **Review Questions**

1. Mention the four developmental stages of community health nursing
2. List the five roles of community nursing
3. Discuss factors that hinder each developmental stages

## CHAPTER THREE

### The Concept of Health in Public Health Nursing



Lamberton (1978) sees the opposite of health as being no health and the opposite of illness as being no disease. Furthermore, death is not viewed as the ultimate illness but as a natural part of growth and development. She also considers an individual's interaction with ecology as being an important influence on health and on illness. Health is also conceptualized as a source for every day living. It is a positive idea that emphasizes









**Primary care** is the usual entry point for clients of the health care delivery system. It is oriented towards the promotion and maintenance of health, the prevention of disease, the management of common episodic disease and the monitoring of stable or chronic conditions. Primary care ordinarily occurs, in ambulatory settings. The client or the family manages treatment with health professionals providing diagnostic expertise and guidance.

**Secondary care** is oriented toward clients with more severe acute illnesses or chronic illnesses that are exacerbated. If hospitalization occurs it is usually in a community (district) Hospital. Most individuals who enter this level of care are referred by primary care worker, although some are self referred. The physicians who provide secondary care are usually specialists and general practitioners.

**Tertiary care** is the most complex level of care. The illness may be life threatening, and the care ordinarily takes place in a major hospital affiliated by a medical school. Clients are referred by workers from primary or secondary settings. The health professionals, including physicians and nurses tend to be highly specialized, and they focus on their area of specialization in the delivery of care.

The primary care level is probably the most important for community health nurses because it is usually provided in ambulatory settings. The other classification of health care delivery system is:

1. Preventive
2. Curative
3. Rehabilitative (Sustaining care)

**Prevention:** is aimed at stopping the disease process before it starts or preventing further deterioration of a condition that already exists.

Cure is aimed at restoring a client to health.

Sustaining care is aimed at lessening the pain and discomfort of illness and helping clients live with disease and disability.

Some nurse theorists have conceptualized the nursing role as being focused on sustaining care and preventing disease. However, the work role of nurse practitioners and home health care nurses would probably span all three of these orientations. The nurse must understand and remember that the preventive services are also popularly categorized as primary, secondary, and tertiary health care.

1. Primary prevention refers to the prevention of an illness before it has a chance to occur.

Example:

- Immunization against communicable diseases
- Teaching a wellness - oriented life style.
- Eliminating hazards in the work place,home,community.

2. Secondary prevention includes the early detection of actual or potential health hazards.

This allows for prompt intervention and possibly a cure of a disease or condition.

Example.

- Hypertension screening and early treatment
- Teaching breast self - examination
- Antibiotic treatment of streptococcal pharyngitis aimed at preventing rheumatic fever

3. Tertiary Prevention is aimed at avoiding further deterioration of an already existing problem. Rehab(d dampleahtoTm0 T)asehab

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## Organization of Health Institutions in Ethiopia

### *The six tier system (out going system)*

Central referral hospital

Regional hospitals

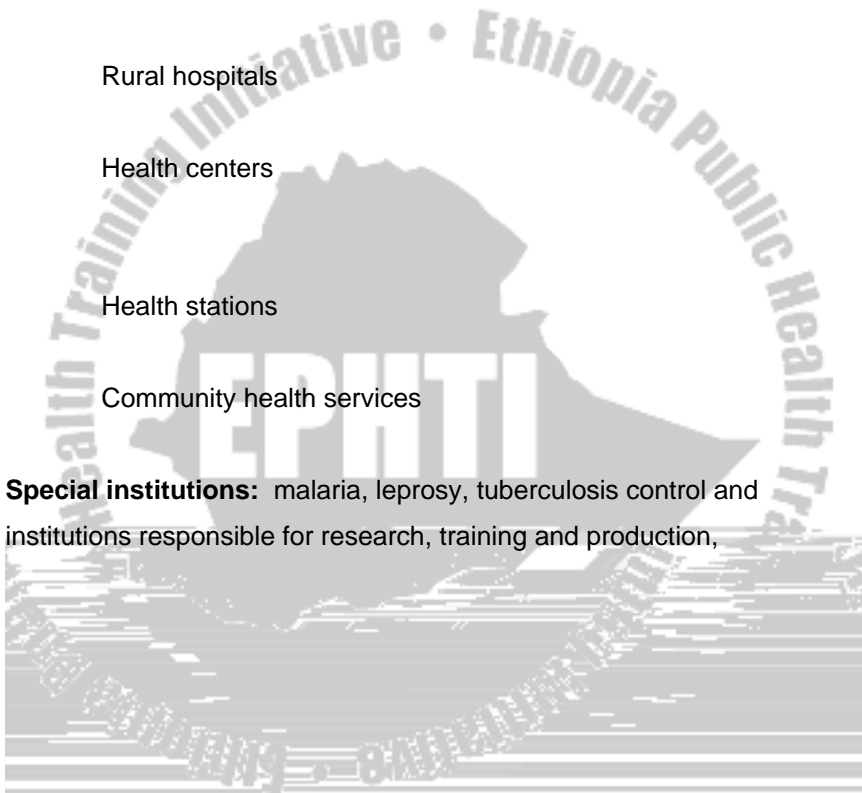
Rural hospitals

Health centers

Health stations

Community health services

**Special institutions:** malaria, leprosy, tuberculosis control and institutions responsible for research, training and production,





## CHAPTER FOUR

### The Nursing Process in Public Health Nursing

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of this unit each student will be able to

- List the steps involved in a community assessment
- Mention the concept of the community nursing diagnosis and differentiate it from the nursing diagnosis of individual client
- Describe the planning and implementation process in the community.
- Apply the community nursing process in a variety of community settings.

#### Definition:

The nursing process is a systematic, purposeful act of nursing actions that includes assessment, diagnoses, planning, implementation and evaluation.

#### Establish Rapport:

Nurse - client interaction (rapport) is often an implied element in the process. Rapport is called the act of respectful informality that helps build client trust in the nurse. Important elements in establishing rapport:

- Respect fullness
- Courtesy
- Objectivity
- Caring
- Warmth
- Concern for client's welfare
- Interest

- Attention

## Nursing Assessment

The first step in the nursing process assessment involves two major activities collection of pertinent data and analysis and interpretation of data.

### Sources of data

1. **Primary data** is the data that are directly obtained from clients. It offers the most accurate insights and comprehensive information.
2. **Secondary sources of data** are data obtained from people who know the client: family, friends, neighbors, workmates pending clients' permission.

Additional secondary sources include

- Clients' records
- Community health statistics
- Census bureau data
- Research report
- police and insurance records
- How ever, secondary data may need augmentation or further validation.

### Data collection Techniques

- Observation
- Interviewing
- Listening
- Measuring
- Survey study
- Record review





- Observable
- Measurable
- Time targeted
- Specific

### **Implementation**

Implementation is putting the plan into action. Implementation is often referred to as the action phase of the nursing process. In community health nursing implementation is not nursing action or intervention but it is a collaborative implementation by the clients.

The nurse and clients should have a clear idea of the who, what, why, when, where and how.

*Example:*       What are each person's responsibilities?  
                      Do they know when and where activities will occur?

### **Evaluation phase**

It is the final component of the nursing process. The nursing process is not complete until evaluation takes place. Evaluation is an act of appraisal in which one judges value in relation to a standard and a set of criteria.

- Ask how effective the service was?
- Whether client's needs truly met?
- If not, why not?

### **Community Assessment**

Community assessment is a key element in the nursing process. When the community is thought of as the client, the goal is to identify groups of people who are at increased risk for illness, disability, or premature death



## Planning

Planning involves the agency administrator, one or more nurses, and possibly other health workers. The process includes a survey of the resources identified in the assessment phase, a discussion of the actual availability of the resources and a plan to gain access to them.

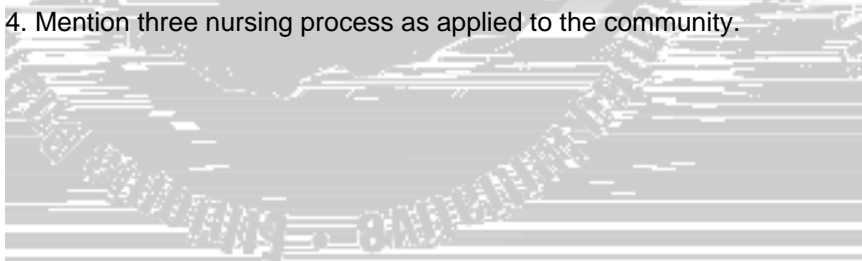
**Implementation:-** put the planning into action, monitoring the activities.

**Evaluation** - is the process by which the impact of the program is assessed. Process evaluation: The way in which the various processes of a program are carried and evaluated by comparing with a predetermined standard.

**Outcome evaluation** - This is concerned with the end results

## Review Questions

1. Define the nursing process.
2. List steps of the nursing process.
3. State a data collection technique.
4. Mention three nursing process as applied to the community.



## CHAPTER FIVE

### Health Education in Public Health Nursing

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of this unit each students will be able to:

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E.g. A patient with infectious hepat



scouts, at work). Individual teaching in home visiting, clinics and personal counseling. The mass media: television, radio, newspapers and magazines. This is important in reaching large numbers of people in widely scattered areas.

### **Principles of good teaching**

*These include:*







- Encourage community participation in identifying problems and seeking solutions
- Work in the community i.e. in health centers, community meeting places and people's homes.

**To establish good relations with the community the health team follows three steps**

- listen, learn and understand
- talk, discuss and decide
- encourage, organize and participate

**How to lead a health team Setting and sharing objectives**

A leader works with a team in setting and using objectives in community health work. When local health objectives are being set, various groups of people should be consulted. They include: People in the community; interested people from other sectors e.g. school teaches, traditional healers, agriculture extension workers, patients, health workers and the ministry of health.

**Motivating**

Motivation is an inner impulse that induces a person to act in a certain way. It is important for a team leader to understand what encourages people to apply their ability and energy to work. The six main motivators in work are:-

- Achievement
- Recognition
- The work itself
- Responsibility
- Advancement
- Self improvement

### Common causes of dissatisfaction

- Inefficient administration
- In competent supervision
- Poor interpersonal relations
- Personal qualities of the leader
- Inadequate pay
- Bad working conditions

### Organizing health team activities

The distribution of tasks among the members of a health team is one of the most important functions of the manager. When work is distributed unfairly it causes dissatisfaction and sometimes quarrelling. Factors useful in organizing health activities are:

- using job descriptions
- co-ordination of activities
- communicating with people
- conducting meetings
- training of staff (in service training)

### How Public Health Nurses Support the Established health Team

- Building cohesion through clarifying goals and individual attraction to groups.
- Building member commitment and participation
- Keeping the group focused on the goal
- Maintaining members through recognition and encouragement
- Maintaining members, self-esteem - during contact and confrontation
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## Review Questions

1. Define a health team.



# CHAPTER SEVEN

## Public Health Nurse in the Community

### Learning Objectives

- Define community
- Explain factors that inhibit community involvement
- Describe the role of public health nurse in the community

Nurses who practice community based nursing need to understand the community within which they practice. Knowledge of the community helps the nurses maintain quality of care and provide safety features for the services and their clients.

### Defining the community

There are numerous ways to define community depending on the application. This lecture note uses the definition of the community as people, location, and a social system. The variety of families living in the community contribute to the overall character of that community.

The simplest way to understand a community is through vital statistics and demographics. Families characterize the community. In communities where families are strong and nurturing there is an opportunity for a strong and caring community. In communities where families are nonexistent or fail to provide an adequate basis for individual growth, problems with physical abuse, neglect, substance abuse, and violence may arise.

A strong family unit is the building block for strong communities. Culture contributes to the overall character of a community. Health is affected by culture. Madeleine Leininger (1970) observed that health and illness states are strongly influenced and often primarily determined by cultural

background of an individual. The culture of an individual and his or her family has an impact on the community's definition of health and on the service needs of that community.

A community usually is defined by boundaries which may be geographic, such as those defined as city, state or nation. Boundaries may be political; they may be determined by percents and wards. Boundaries to a community may also emerge as a result of identifying or solving a problem (fluid boundary). Consequently, a community may establish a boundary within which a problem can be defined or solved. Community boundaries are important because they often determine what services are available to individuals living within a particular geographic area.

### **Social System**

Social systems have an impact on community and consequently, the health of that community. Social systems include a community's economy, education, religion, welfare, politics, recreation, legal system, health care, safety and transportation and a communication system.

Depending on the infrastructure, these systems may have a beneficial or detrimental impact on the health of individuals living in a given community.

It is a documented fact that infant mortality rate (IMR) is lower in communities where prenatal care is available and readily accessible to pregnant women.

Here is a social system at work within a community; it has a profound impact on the quality of health of its individual members.

### **A Healthy Community**

Just as there are characteristics of healthy individuals, so are there characteristics of healthy communities, these include:

- Awareness that "We are a community"
- Conservation of natural resources
- Recognition of and respect for the existence of subgroups
- Participation to meet crises
- Ability to problems solve.
- Participation by citizens in decision making
- Wellness of a high degree among its member.

A dynamic relationship exists between health and community. In this relationship health is considered in the context of the community's people, its location, and its social system.

Healthy citizens can contribute to the overall health, vitality and economy of the community. Similarly, if large proportions of individuals in a community are not healthy, not productive or poorly nourished, the community can suffer from lack of vitality and productivity.

### **Components of Public Health Nursing in the Community**

- A sense of responsibility for the coverage of needed health services
- The care of vulnerable groups
- Family, group, community must be a partner in planning and evaluating health care

### **Nature of Public Health Nursing**

- Generalized- target population
- Comprehensive- not limited to particular age or diagnostic group
- Continuing- not episodic

### **Community Involvement**

Community involvement is a social process where by people sharing their problem living in a specified geographical setting pursue in identifying

their own problem and mobilizing their own resources to solve their own problem (Rifkin et, al 1988)

### **The community should be actively involved**

- In the assessment of the situation
- Problem identification
- Priority setting and making decisions
- Sharing in the planning ,implementing, monitoring and evaluation processe

### **Types of Approach in the Community Participation**

- A. Top-down approach
- It is an approach whereby we say people have a problem and induced participation/involvement.
- B. Bottom- up
- We are trying to see the basis of the problem by wearing the eyeglass of the people.
  - Living with people and trying to identify their problem using their own eyes.

### **Socio-cultural assessment of the community**

Socio- cultural assessment enables us to interpret our surrounding and the actions of people around us and to behave in ways that make sense.

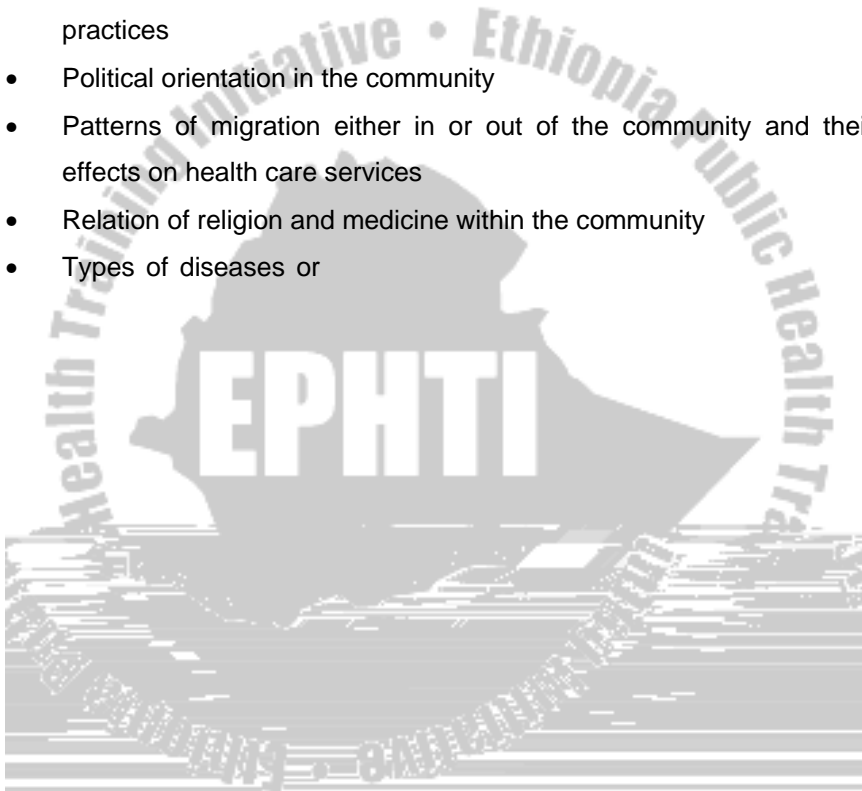
It is important for nurses not to consider their own way the best and otherwise ideas as ignorant or inferior (Ethnocentrism)

### **Pertinent socio-cultural factors to be assessed in the community**

- Existing influences that divide people into groups within the community, such as ethnicity, religion, social class, occupation, place of residence, language, education, sex, race, and age
- Conditions that lead to social conflict and/or social cohesion



- Attitudes toward minority groups, youths, and the elderly males and females
- Division of the community into neighborhoods or districts and the characteristics of these.
- Formal and informal channels of communication between health programs and the community
- Barriers that may be the result of differences in cultural beliefs and practices
- Political orientation in the community
- Patterns of migration either in or out of the community and their effects on health care services
- Relation of religion and medicine within the community
- Types of diseases or



- Hospitals, health centers, health stations



- High rate of infant mortality
- Low family planning coverage

### **III Planning**

- 1) Establishing priority
- 2) Establishing goals and objectives
- 3) Identifying intervention activities that will accomplish the objectives

1. Criteria for priority

- Community concern
- Severity
- Feasibility
- Magnitude

2. Establishing goals and objectives

- Characteristics of good objectives
- Relevance-fits with the general policy
- Feasible-achievable within the capacity of available resources
- Observable-When the results are clearly seen
- Measurable-when the results are stated in terms of numbers
- Time targeted-all objectives should be drawn with in a specific time frame
- Specific-Target specific population

### **IV) Intervention activities**

The means by which objectives are met are the strategies that clarify what must be done to achieve the objective, the way changes will be effected and the way the problem cycle will be interrupted.

**V) Evaluation**-is the process by which the impact of the program is



## CHAPTER EIGHT

### Public Health Nursing Services to the Community

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of this chapter you will be able to

- Describe the activities of home visiting
- Explain the role of a public health nurse in a village
- List the functions of a public health nurse in a prison
- State the role of a public health nurse in a school
- Write down the advantages of an occupational health nursing
- Describe the basic clinic services of the public health nurse

It has been stated that the community health nurse participates in providing primary care which is comprehensive and embraces all age (from the cradle to the grave) all types of persons and all conditions. Continuous care is not just for a limited period (as it is in the hospital) but it embraces all ages and aspects of care, maternity, under five clinic, antenatal care, school health, occupational health, and care of the handicapped and the elderly.

#### Home visiting (H.V)

An important aspect of community health nursing's role in promoting the health of populations has been the tradition of providing services to individual families in their homes.

#### Purpose:

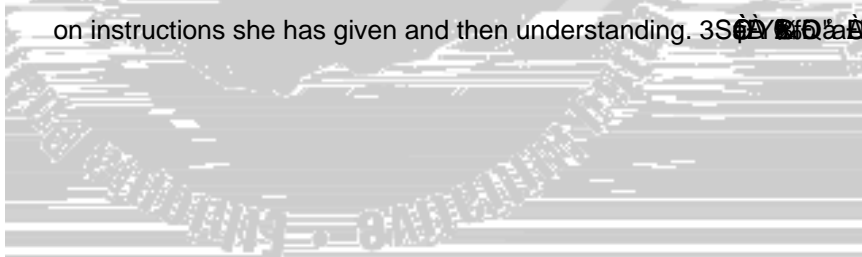
- afford the opportunity to gain a more accurate assessment of the family structure and behavior in the natural environment

- provide opportunities to make observations of the home environment and to identify both barriers and supports for reaching family health promotion work
- help the nurse to adapt interventions to meet realistic resources
- meeting the family on their home ground may also contribute to the family's sense of control and active participation in meeting their health needs.

### **Advantages and Disadvantages of H.V**

#### **Advantage**

- To meet the people in the warmth and friendly atmosphere
- To permit the nurse to see the home and family situation in action
- To see how the family is living
- To better understand interests and problems of the family
- To make them use the available materials to the best of their advantage. In the home there is a more private situation than in the clinic and it is more personal. The nurse has an opportunity to observe the care given by family members to the patient and check on instructions she has given and then understanding.



## Phases and activities of home visits

### Phase I: Initiation phase

- clarify source of referral for visit
- clarify purpose for home visit
- share information on reason and purpose of home visit with family

### Phase II: Pre visit phase

- initiate contact with family
- establish shared perception of purpose with family
- determine family willingness for home visit
- schedule home visit
- review referral and or family record

### Phase III: On-home phase

- introduction of self and professional identification
- social interaction to establish rapport
- establish nurse – client relation
- implement nursing process. E.g. of
- family focused inability of family to keep to provide family centered nursing care all the nursing environmental hygiene process steps read to be family focused

### Phase IV: Termination phase

- review visit with family
- plan for future visits

### PhaseV: Post visit phase

- record visit
- plan for next visit





## Public Health Nursing Bag

**Definition:** A specially prepared bag for carrying supplies to the field in a clean and orderly way

### Purpose

- helps the nurse to give service effectively in homes
- reduces the danger of spreading infections
- provides the necessary items needed in the field
- identifies the nurse in the field because a home visiting bag is a part of the uniform

### Contents of the Bags

- A. General supplies
- B. Equipment
- C. Others

#### A. general supplies

- soap and soap dish
- plastic apron
- plastic square to put the bag on
- aluminum cup for water
- one or two small towels to dry the hand

#### B. Instrument

- thermometer
- fetoscope
- scissors
- artery forceps
- tape measure
- plaster
- cotton

- guaze
- applicator
- bandage
- antiseptic solution
- syringe and needle
- GV, Tetracycline eye ointment
- kidney dish
- vaseline
- tongue depressor,
- disposable gloves
- cord tie
- antipain
- ergometrine tablets
- ferrous sulphate
- Vitamin, A
- test tube
- baby scale
- chloroquine
- mebendazole
- benzyl benzoate lotion (B.B.L.)
- Pocket
- small towel
- soap and soap dish
- plastic square
- news paper for placement of the bag
- match

### **Care of the bag**

- change inner lining as needed
- label bottles

- refill supplies as needed
- do not put the bag on the beds
- do not put your properties on the bag
- do not put on the floor

### **Basic Principles of Using the Bag**

- select safe area to place it
- place on the plastic square
- wash your hands before you do anything
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- Construction of the building and their bed rooms
- Waste disposal system
- Latrine
- Water supply
- Health facilities

### **Responsibilities of the PHN during PHS**

1. Work with prison administrators and the prisoners
2. Organize prisoners and form health committee in the prison.
3. Identify health and health related problems of the prisoners using a developed checklist .
4. Make a plan and encourage them to solve the identified problem.
5. Identify the resources of the prison.
6. Work with other health professionals.
7. Work to solve the identified problems.
  - screening of the prisoners
  - treating the sick
  - health education



- contact influential people of the village
- identify problems of the village
- MCH service ANC, FP, and immunization TTBA's, CHA's
- Visit to TBA's, CHA's
- Adult examination
- Demonstration
- Environmental health
- Home visiting
- Prison health service

### **School Health Service(SHS)**

**Goal:** to support the educational process by helping keep children healthy by teaching students and teachers preventive health measures

#### **Advantage of SHS**

Health correction at school age can make them healthy citizens of the country. Children learn easily and are an ideal group for teaching health habits, as they are the future parents and citizens of the nation.

Teachers can be taught at the same time and can teach other classes.

Children can also teach their parents.

#### **Components of school health program**

maintaining a healthy, safe and environment

prevention of accidents and regular health education

#### **School health survey**

The PHN should prepare a checklist and make a survey of a particular school. This is to identify the health and health related problems of the school environment which directly or indirectly affects the health of

students and teachers and interferes with the teaching-learning process.

During the survey the following areas should receive attention:

- location of the school
- construction of the school
- cleanliness of the compound
- condition of class rooms
- water supply
- latrine
- health service facilities
- recreational facilities
- extraordinary activities of the students and teachers (club ...)
- perform physical examination on screened students

### **Occupational Health Service (OHS)**

The goals of occupational health nursing are to prevent occupational injuries and illness and to facilitate good health among workers.

- Objectives of the Program
- To protect employees from health hazards
- To assure that the job assignment of each worker is suited to his physical and mental capacity and his emotional make up
- To assure adequate care and rehabilitation for occupationally injured or ill
- To contribute to each workers ability to cope with his own and his family's health need



## Role of Occupational Health Nurse

### The role of occupational health nursing Process activity

- *Assessment*
  - Assess health of individual workers.
  - Assess risks and hazards in the work place.
  - Keep accurate and complete records.
- *Diagnosis*
  - List problems of individual employees.
  - Note risks and hazards in the work place.
- *Planning*
  - Confer with mix regarding all aspects of the program.
  - Counsel employees for better individual health.
  - Cooperate with employees to set up a wellness program.
  - Work with unions to ensure cooperation.
- *Implementation*
  - implement programs and safety and lesser hazards
  - teach workers good health and safety behaviors
  - enforce laws related to health and safety
  - carry out appropriate and timely first aid and see that workers get needed additional care
  - make referrals to other health workers
- *Evaluation*
  - monitor hazards

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**Table 3. Common work place exposure by job with known health effects:**

Work place hazard	Health Effects	Jobs with potential exposure
Carbon monoxide	Headache, angioma	Auto mechanics
Solvent	Dermatitis, Cancer	Textile workers
Lead	Abdominal pain, Hypertension, behavioral changes	Battery makers, shoe makers, painters
Asbestos, silica, coal dust	Chronic bronchitis, emphysema, lung cancer	Pipe fitters, miners
Benzene	Aplastic anemia, leuckemia	Chemists
Hepatitis viruses	Hepatitis	Health service workers
Sunlight, heat	Burns, hyperthermia	Food service workers, smelters
Lifting heavy loads	Back pain, muscles strain, sprain	Nurses, Factory workers



### **Working Environment Survey**

- Identification of the industry (name, location)
- Construction – working rooms
- Cleanliness
- Water supply
- Latrine
- health service facilities
- emergency procedures like fire extinguishers
- Length of working hours
- Potential health risks
- Means to prevent these health risks
- Knowledge of the workers and administrators
- Do physical examination on the screened workers

### **Public Health Nursing in Health Institutions**

Health Institution means a place in which various health services are given to the whole community of the area and its surrounded by a health group or a health organized individual practitioners in order to define the organizational goals and working out there mutually.

Areas of activities which give service on static and mobile basis.

- Polyclinic
- registration / record room
- adult examination room
- MCH clinic
- TB clinic
- Leprosy Clinic
- STD clinic
- Inpatient
- Others

*Outreach services:* Village health services, Prison Health Service, School health service and home visit

### **Responsibility of the nurse in the health institution**

- all health workers should work harmoniously and to their potential
- identify the weaknesses and strength of the institution
- organize each room - adequate facilities - appropriate human resources
- health education should be provided to clients regularly
- provision of training for health workers according to the identified problems
- make a follow-up
- keep good responsibility and recording system

*organization of the unit equipment, manpower, the responsibility of respective health center is accomplished through health center teams that include:*

- Pharmacist/pharmacy technician
- Public Health Nurse
- Health Officer
- Sanitarian
- Laboratory technician

### **Health Station Supervision and Health Post Supervision**

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- Number of workers
- Types of services provided
- Static activities
- Outreach activities
- Facilities
- Room
- Equipment
- Drugs



- TTBA's on Labor and delivery services

CHA's - on record keeping, and epidemic control

But you should also provide such training for CHA's and TTBA's



## CHAPTER NINE

### Activities of Public Health Nursing in



- Route of infection
- Host characteristics
- Treatment

### **Principles of prevention and control of communicable diseases**

I. **Identification** - i.e. how the disease may be recognized by its:

- Occurrence (when, where, who)
- Infectious agent (i.e. pathogen)
- Reservoir / source
- Mode of transmission
- Incubation period
- Period of communicability
- Susceptibility and resistance

- **Preventive Measures**





- Case finding and provision for early diagnosis and treatment
- Control of patients, contact and immediate environment

- **Measures of Control Include**

- Isolation and prompt treatment of infected cases
- Concurrent disinfection
- Disinfestation
- Control of carriers
- Immunization and surveillance of contacts
- Investigation of contacts, source and reservoir of infection
- Control of insect vectors
- Quarantine
- Reporting of disease of local health authority.

- **Investigation of disease out break**

It is a form of active surveillance.

**Objective:** to determine the specific cause of an epidemic as early as possible so that appropriate measures can be taken to control the outbreak and prevent occurrence.

The following questions can be asked:

- A. What is the etiologic agent?
- B. What is the main mode of transmission?
- C. What specific source of disease can be identified?
- D. What specific practice or environmental deficiencies have contributed to the outbreak?

**Steps in identifying outbreak**

- Investigate index cases.
- Verify that there is an outbreak.
- Construct a suspected case definition.

- Identify and count cases.
- Characterize the outbreak by time, place and person.
- Identifying the aetiologic agent
- Investigating environmental condition
- Analysis of data
- Formulation of hypothesis

### **Epidemic Measures**

These are emergency measures to be taken to limit the spread of any communicable disease

Prompt reporting

Widespread immunization programs

Emergency measures concerned with water and sanitation

Closing down of institutions

Prohibition of mass gatherings

### **International Control Measures**

Rapid notification by governments to World Health Organization (WHO) and adjacent countries.

International regulation applied to ships, aircraft and land transport

Control of international travelers, immigrants, goods and animals.

### **Intervention**

Implementation is the stage of the nursing process in which the activities and strategies that were planned are actually carried out.

The public health nurse's endeavors center on activities that promote, maintain or resort to health or prevent disease and disability

Implementation includes direct nursing intervention, indirect nursing intervention and referral

### **Types of Intervention**

1. Direct hands-on-care  
Administration of medication
2. Indirect

Activities undertaken on the patient's behalf but apart from the patient's presence. Teaching and supervision of caregivers coordination to facilitate appropriate use of all care providers to achieve continuity of care for a client.

3. Referral

Becomes necessary when the nurse cannot, either by direct or by indirect nursing interventions, completely meet the client's needs.

- \* Screening and recognition of early symptoms are important aspects of case finding

### **Case Finding Methods**

1. Passive case finding

Voluntary reporting – voluntary seeking relief through the health care system. Factors influencing case finding methods community awareness an efficient and reliable diagnostic and treatment service

- **Referral and Notification**

2. Active case finding

Aim – to find cases of unreported disease in the population

- Sample surveys (adequate sample)
- Mass survey (total population survey)
- Contact surveillance-unlike survey repeated examination of contacts will be made.

### **Organization of case finding activities**

**Aim:** to conform to the sociological and cultural expectation and traditions



## CHAPTER TEN

### Recording and Reporting

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of this unit each student will be able to:

- To assist the nurse and agency to render a better quality service to the individual, family and community
- To make available certain information about community health condition
- To provide a means of measuring the program of the agency in relation to the objectives set for community needs

#### Records and Reports

Records are the information kept in the health unit on the work of the unit, on the health conditions in the community, on individual patients, as well as information on administrative matters: staff, equipment, supplies, etc.

Usually, records are written information in notebooks or in folders designed for their purposes. They may also be kept or be computerized. Records are the administration's memory.

Records are an important tool in controlling and assessing work; they are kept to help the supervisor to:

- Learn what is taking place
- Make effective decisions
- Assess progress towards goals
- Provide an insight for replanning purposes

Records should be accurately accessible and useful. In other words, they must be truly available when needed, and contain information that management uses as a yardstick.

Information unless you know it to be true will not be useful.

Before asking health workers to make any record, the supervisor should ask the following questions

Will this information be used?

Precisely what useful part will it play in decision-making and evaluation.

Can this information be collected accurately enough to serve its purpose.

Will the information be accessible?

Will it be available at the place and time it is to be used?

Can the records help team leaders to follow the activities of a program continuously according to need?

Special forms that may differ from country to country are often prepared and adopted to local conditions. These forms will help the health staff to record the information requested, facilitate the standardization of the information collected and save time for all concerned.

Reports are the information communicated to the other levels of the health services. They are also an important management tool to influence future actions.

The type of the report (oral or by telephone or radio in emergency cases, written in normal circumstances), its content (statistical information on births, deaths, morbidity or comments on program developments or difficulties), and its frequency and utilization will differ from country to country. In assessing the quality of care and the use of services that are delivered to clients, community health agencies rely on the client's record.

SOAPIER - is an acronym used to designate the recording process, with a notation made for each of the letters.

S Subjective data

O Objective data

- A Assessment
- P Planning
- I Implementing
- E Evaluation
- R Reassessment

### **Essentials of good reporting**

- Accurate
- Legible
- Complete
- Short and clear
- Timeliness

In all health work it is important to keep sufficient records. To record is to remember. Public health records serve to communicate information between different health workers. Recording is the basis for measuring diseases and activities.

### **Important types of records**

- Family folder card
- Individual health record
- FP card
- Antenatal card
- Child health card

## Review Questions

1. Define recording and reporting.
2. Discuss the essentials of reporting and recording.
3. Explain the SOAPIER acromyion.







observable or otherwise documentable

Methodology

where

Type and number of population

How you proceed

Variables – what you want to measure

Type of study e.g. cross-sectional survey

Longitudinal

Data collection

Observation

Interviewing

Questionnaire

Plan for data collection

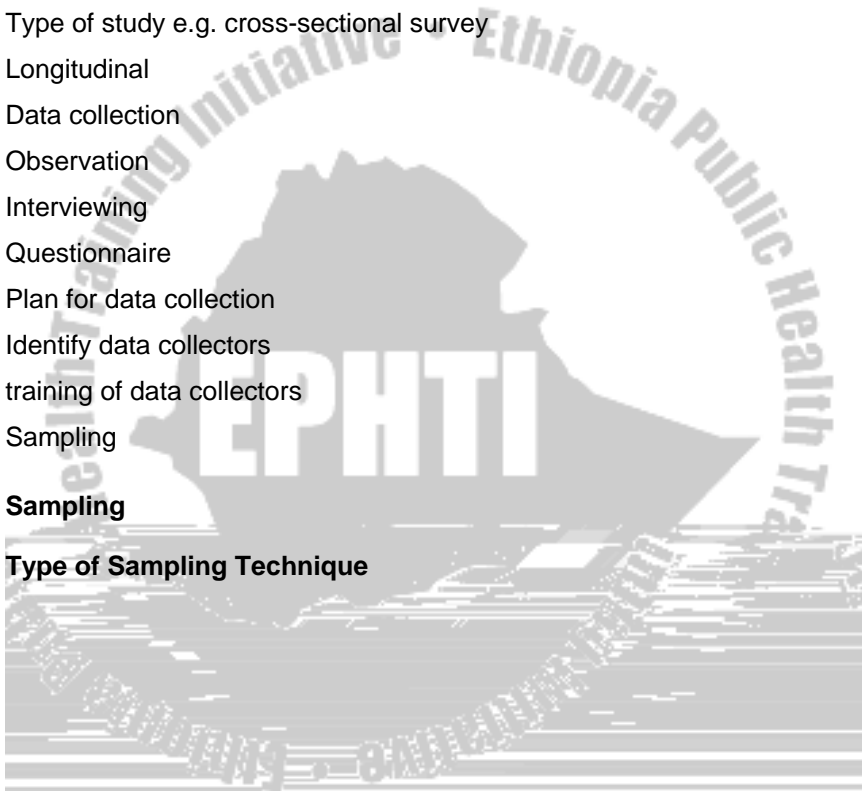
Identify data collectors

training of data collectors

Sampling

### **Sampling**

#### **Type of Sampling Technique**





## CHAPTER TWELVE

### Primary Health Care (Phc)

#### Learning Objectives

At the end of this chapter you will be able to:

- Discuss the historical development of PHC
- Define PHC.
- Clarify certain important terms in the definition.
- Identify strategies of PHC.
- Discriminate between the medical care system and the primary care approach.
- State the elements of PHC.
- Describe PHC in Ethiopia.

#### Historical Development (see chapter I)

##### Definition of PHC

PHC is essential health care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation at a cost that the community and country can afford to maintain at every state to their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination

Clarification on certain terms in the definition

- **Essential** – basic and indispensable, first level of contact
- **Scientifically sound** – scientifically explainable, understood and acceptable



- To identify community needs together

What sectors must collaborate?

All sectors involved in a development process such as health, agriculture, education, information, roads, housing and NGOs.

Communities can often respond more readily to broad approaches to the problems of development than to the fragmented sector by sector approach

Collaboration should be at all levels

- 2. Community Involvement

**Definition:** Community is a collection of people living together in some form of social organization and cohesion.

It is the process by which individuals and families in a community assume responsibility for the community and develop the capacity to contribute to their and the community's development.

Communities should not be passive recipients of services but everybody should be involved according to his ability, and the health system is responsible for encouraging everybody to contribute to his potential.

#### Advantages of Community Participation

- Extended service (better coverage)
- Programs are affordable and acceptable
- Promotes self-reliance and confidence
- Creates a sense of responsibility
- Consideration of real needs and demands
- Promotes local community initiatives and technologies
- Reduce dependency on technical personnel
- Builds the community's capacity to deal with problems
- Helps to choose a correct strategy
- Success has a multiplying effect

- Factors Influencing Community Involvement

Social – community organization, leadership, status of women, education

Cultural – values, beliefs, taboos, etc.

Political – ideology, policy, etc.

### **Skills for enhancing community participation**

- Belief in a community's potential
- Skills in participatory involvement
- Ability to motivate
- Awareness creation
- Understanding community's culture
- Helps to bind appropriate entry point
- Identify or create structure
- When introducing new programs
- First create awareness
- Give time to the community to digest the idea to adapt or reject the idea

### **3. Appropriate Technology**

It means methods, procedures, techniques and equipment that are scientifically valid and that can be maintained and utilized with resources the community or the country can afford. It should be acceptable to the users.

If the technology does not fit the people, then it is unlikely to be helpful in the long run and it will be a waste of resources.

### **Criteria for Appropriateness**

To be appropriate, a technology must be:

- Effective – it must work and fulfill its purpose in the circumstances in which it needs to be used

culturally acceptable and valuable locally (we should not depend on imported skills and supplies for its continuing function, maintenance and repair

Affordable

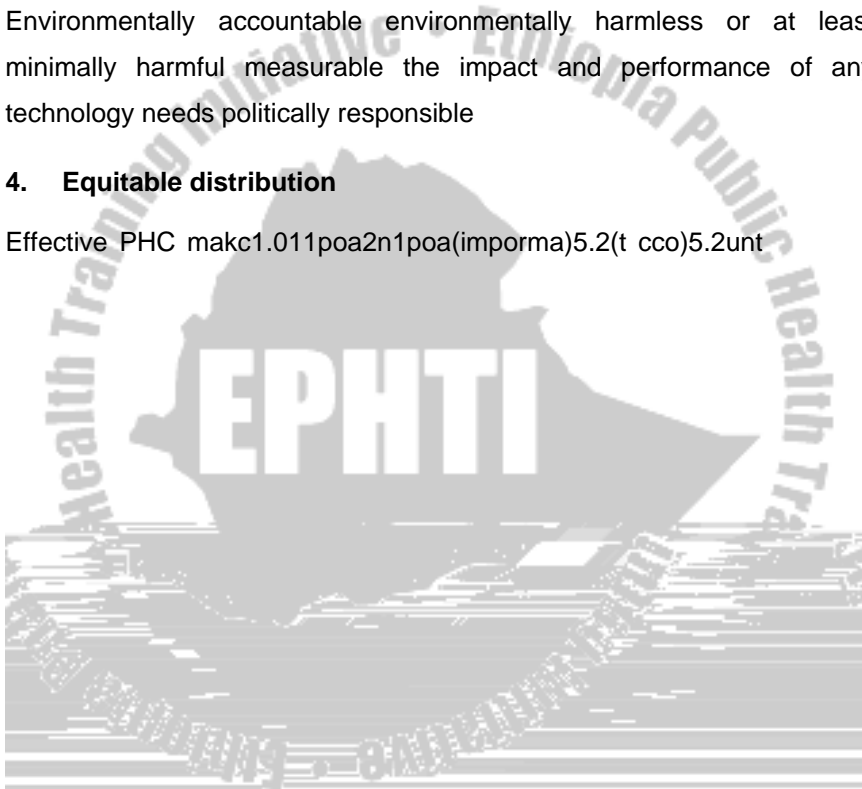
Sustainable

possessive of an evolutionary capacity – the introduction and acceptance of the technology must lead to further benefits

Environmentally accountable environmentally harmless or at least minimally harmful measurable the impact and performance of any technology needs politically responsible

#### **4. Equitable distribution**

Effective PHC makc1.011poa2n1poa(imporma)5.2(t cco)5.2unt





## 5. Political commitment

The government policy must support it and every activity must go in line with the policy.

The two systems are best seen as two sides of a coin and every country needs both systems of care. Both systems of care are necessary complements of each other. PHC has a wide range of components (water, nutrition and so on) and many strategies.

Example. PHC workers refer patients for specialized care to hospitals.

**Table 4.** Comparisons of the medical care system and the primary care approach

The Medical Care system	The primary Care approach
- The medical system is vertical i.e separate from other governmental departments	- This functions best through intersect oral co-operation.
- A curative system, emphasizing drugs, doctors and hospitals or auxiliaries and dispensaries	- Mainly preventive, promotive emphasizes water Sanitation, immunization, nutrition and health education.
- Emphasizes improved technology and specialization	- Emphasizes appropriate technology and common condition of a risk groups
- Auxiliaries are regarded as substitutes for doctors	- Auxiliaries are the main agents of health promotion and change.
- Discourages traditional medicine and ignores culture	- Encourages the health positive aspects of traditional medicine and culture.

### The Key Principles of PHC include the following five concepts

Universal coverage of the population, with care provided according to need. This is the call for equity.

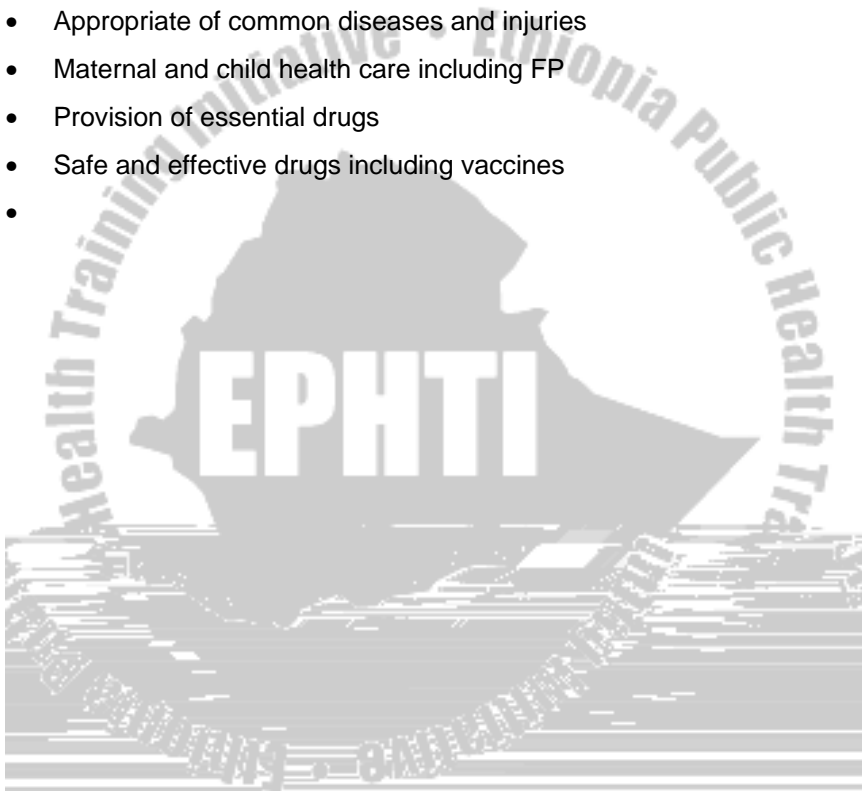
Services should be promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative.

Services should be effective, culturally acceptable, affordable and manageable.

Approaches to health should relate to other sectors of development.

### **The Components/Elements of PHC**

- Immunization against six major childhood disease
- Nutrition – promotion of food supply and proper nutrition
- Water and sanitation an adequate supply of safe water and basic sanitation
- Appropriate of common diseases and injuries
- Maternal and child health care including FP
- Provision of essential drugs
- Safe and effective drugs including vaccines
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Nutrition-promotion of food supply

Treatment of common diseases and injuries

Sanitation and safe water supply

Since 1980, PHC has been the main strategy on which the health policy is based in 1985 the review of achievements revealed the following:

Expansions of health services to the broad masses especially by establishing new health stations and health posts

Expansion of immunization program against six major communicable diseases

Increase number of medical and paramedical personnel

Increase health propaganda attempts to improve health consciousness of the population

establish PHC committees at the lowest local administrative levels

### **Major Problems in implementation of PHC**

Absence of infrastructure at the district level. Programs could not be successfully planned, implemented and controlled from the central or regional level because of the absence of district health organizations.

Difficulty in achieving intersectoral collaboration

Inadequate health service coverage and maldistribution of available health services

Inadequate resource allocation- PHC is not cheap as some people think, but it is cost effective. It requires proper resource allocation.

Absence of clear guidelines or directives on how to implement PHC

Presence of culturally harmful traditional practices or unscientific beliefs and practices in Ethiopia

A number of known harmful health practices or unscientific beliefs and practices in Ethiopia are related to:

- Child bearing and rearing

- Food preparation
  - Excreta and refuse disposal and
  - absence of sound legal rules to support environmental activities
- weak community involvement in health

Sustainability of PHC beyond the year 2000

It means to endure by the people themselves and to continue without interruption.

Factors important for sustainability of PHC appropriate planning  
problem identification of- priority setting by the community action plan  
based on appropriate resources available close monitoring and  
evaluation preparation for gradual phasing out

### **What can be done to make PHC more sustainable?**

High awareness creation

Develop income generating schemes

Obtain intersectoral support

PHC programs should fit within the national policy

Work with community

### **Supervision**

#### **Supervision Objectives**

Define supervision

Explain the purpose

Discuss the types of supervision

Identify the principles of supervision

Explain the methods of supervision

### **Definition**

Supervision- has its origin in two Latin words

Super – “above”



## **Principles**

In any good organization provision is made for decentralization of authority and responsibility in the head of the organization.

Good organization provides personnel with a sense of inclusion, placement and importance in relation to the total organization through clear definition of lines of authority.

Good organization delegated authority proportion to the responsible personnel can be reasonably expected to assume.

Good organization provides for definite assignment and supervision of duties

Good organization provides for clear channels of communication from the top of the organization down and from the bottom to the top.

Good organization provides facilities for operation and cooperation.

Good organization provides for democracy of spirit recognition of human dignity in all employees and humility on the part of those in administrative and supervisory positions.

Good organization provides for inter relations of administrative and supervision staffs

## **Review Questions**

1. List and describe briefly the two types of case-finding which phase of nursing process during methods
2. Define nursing supervision
3. Is supervision primarily concerned with materials
4. Which type of supervision encourage members to share ideas and disclose ideas
5. In patient teaching must readiness to learn be taken into consideration
6. What does family, folder card constitute



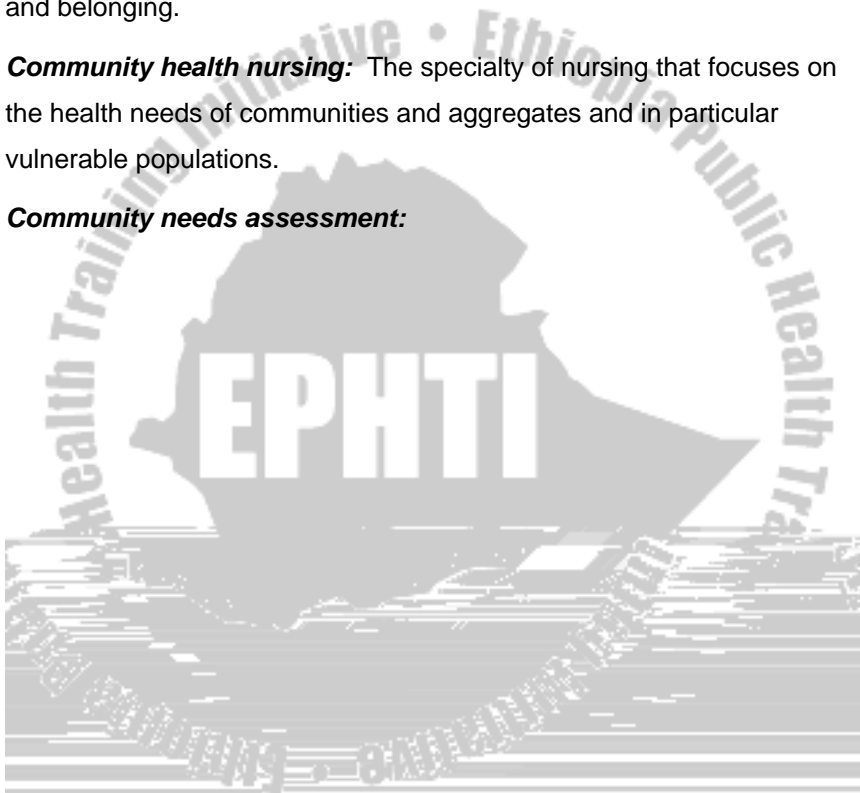
groups and a population.

**Collaboration:** Purposeful interaction between nurse clients, other professionals and community members based on mutual participation and joint effort.

**Community:** A collection of people who interact with each other and whose common interests or characteristics give them a sense of unity and belonging.

**Community health nursing:** The specialty of nursing that focuses on the health needs of communities and aggregates and in particular vulnerable populations.

**Community needs assessment:**





beliefs and practices to be less important or relevant.

**Evaluation:** The process of measuring and judging the effectiveness of interventions by measuring outcomes against previously established goals or objectives.

**Family:** Two or more individuals who share a residence, or live near one another, possess some common emotional bond and engage in interrelated social positions, roles and tasks.

**Goals:** Broad statements of desired end products or results.

**Health promotion:** Efforts that move people closer to optimal well-being or higher levels of wellness.

**Illness:** A state of being relatively unhealthy

**Immunization:** The process of making a person immune

**Interaction:** A relationship involving reciprocal exchange and influence.

**Leadership:** Tfg34(o)pilityto bnfllyeto wrdahivæ



**Risk factors:** Factors that increase the probability of developing a disease or health problem.

**Sanitation:** The promotion of hygiene and prevention of disease by maintaining health-enhancing conditions.

**Survey:** An assessment method that uses a list of questions whose purpose is to collect data for analysis of a specific group area.

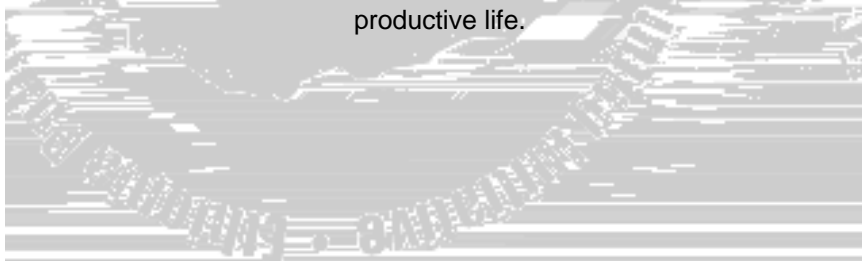
**Task oriented group:** A group of people working together to accomplish its goals.

**Vaccine:** A preparation made either from killed, living attenuated, or living fully virulent organisms which is introduced into the body to produce antibody.

**Value:** A notion or idea believed to be of relative worth or desirability.

**Vulnerability:** State of defenselessness, fragility or susceptibility to harm.

**Wellness positive:** A healthy state with the presence of a capacity to develop one's potential and to lead an energetic and productive life.



## Appendix

### Selected Nanda Nursing Diagnoses Appropriate For Family Nursing Practice

- Alteration in family processes
- Altered health maintenance
- Attended parenting
- Anticipatory grieving
- Decisional conflict
- Dysfunctional grieving
- Family coping, potential for growth
- Health - seeking behaviors
- Impaired adjustment
- Impaired home maintenance management
- Ineffective compromised family coping
- Ineffective disabling family coping
- Knowledge deficit
- Parental role conflict
- Potential for alteration in parenting
- Relocation stress syndrome
- Risk for violence; self directed
- Social isolation

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