

ANA's

Principles for Nursing Documentation

Guidance for Registered Nurses



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Summary

Clear, accurate, and accessible documentation is an essential element of safe, quality, evidence-based nursing practice. Nurses practice across settings at position levels from the bedside to the administrative office; the registered nurse and the advanced practice registered nurse are responsible and accountable for the nursing documentation that is used throughout an organization. *ANA's Principles for Nursing Documentation* identifies six essential principles to guide nurses in this necessary and integral aspect of the work of registered nurses in all roles and settings.

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