Dorothy Johnson’s view on nursing as a science

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Johnson's conceptualization of nursing is based on the premise that nursing has a unique, independent contribution to healthcare that is distinct from its delegated dependent contributions. All contributions delegated to nurses and unique to patient care and cure are significant, but, as professionals, nurses are obligated to articulate and communicate to the public their primary mission and their nursing goals as well as their secondary mission that is delegated from medicine. Although nurses perform functions related to delegated medical care, the essence of nursing, its central mission, should lie in “nursing care.” Asserted that what differentiates nursing from medicine and other health sciences is its perspective of a nursing client as a behavioral system. A behavioral system of Johnson's model, composed of 7 subsystems (each of which have a structural and functional component), in which the functional outcome is observed behavior. A behavioral system with patterned, repetitive, and purposeful ways of behaving that link him to the environment. An individual's specific response patterns form an organized and integrated whole. A person is a system of interdependent parts that requires some regularity and adjustment to maintain a balance. In this review, Dorothy Johnson’ view on nursing and its importance of nursing care are explicated.

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