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Ida Jean Orlando developed the Nursing Process Discipline Theory, which holds that the primary focus of the nurses should be to respond to the perceived needs of the patient. Every behavior portrayed by a patient is a call for help and an indication of an existing problem. However, the need might be different from the perceived one thus the necessity of nurses going beyond their perceptions to establish the meaning of the behavior exhibited by the patient (Ledesma-Delgado & Mendes, 2009).

Orlando argues that the fundamental role of nursing is to respond to the needs of patients. Nurses achieve the purpose of nursing when they discover immediate needs of patients and meet them promptly (Ledesma-Delgado & Mendes, 2009). However, nurses cannot assume that their responses to the patients' needs are helpful. Therefore, it is the obligation of the professional to engage the patient in establishing whether the solution offered is useful. The theory further points out that only the outcome of the nurse's reaction and not their response can be evaluated.

Orlando's caring theory has impacted healthcare positively. Before its inception, nurses only focused on the disease or institutional demands while ignoring the well-being of patients. However, today nurses interact at high levels with their patients (Tyra, 2008). They develop healthy relations with clients and try to establish any factors that would hinder the treatment process. Some patients cannot perform personal tasks such as bathing which would make them feel uncomfortable. Nurses take over the responsibility of bathing the patient and assess the reaction of the client. If the nurse observes their actions cause discomfort to the patient, they delegate the duty to a close relative such as the patient's wife or husband.

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