Assignment 2: Practicum – Assessing Client Family Progress - Week 3 Practicum

Learning Objectives

Students will:

* Create progress notes
* Create privileged notes
* Justify the inclusion or exclusion of information in progress and privileged notes
* Evaluate preceptor notes

To prepare:

* Reflect on the client family you selected for the Week 3 Practicum Assignment.

The Assignment

**Part 1: Progress Note**

Using the client family from your Week 3 Practicum Assignment, address in a progress note (without violating HIPAA regulations) the following:

* Treatment modality used and efficacy of approach
* Progress and/or lack of progress toward the mutually agreed-upon client goals (reference the treatment plan for progress toward goals)
* Modification(s) of the treatment plan that were made based on progress/lack of progress
* Clinical impressions regarding diagnosis and or symptoms
* Relevant psychosocial information or changes from original assessment (e.g., marriage, separation/divorce, new relationships, move to a new house/apartment, change of job)
* Safety issues
* Clinical emergencies/actions taken
* Medications used by the patient, even if the nurse psychotherapist was not the one prescribing them
* Treatment compliance/lack of compliance
* Clinical consultations
* Collaboration with other professionals (e.g., phone consultations with physicians, psychiatrists, marriage/family therapists)
* The therapist’s recommendations, including whether the client agreed to the recommendations
* Referrals made/reasons for making referrals
* Termination/issues that are relevant to the termination process (e.g., client informed of loss of insurance or refusal of insurance company to pay for continued sessions)
* Issues related to consent and/or informed consent for treatment
* Information concerning child abuse and/or elder or dependent adult abuse, including documentation as to where the abuse was reported
* Information reflecting the therapist’s exercise of clinical judgment

***Note:*** *Be sure to exclude any information that should not be found in a discoverable progress note.*

**Part 2: Privileged Note**

Based on this week’s readings, prepare a privileged psychotherapy note that you would use to document your impressions of therapeutic progress/therapy sessions for your client family from the Week 3 Practicum Assignment.

In your progress note, address the following:

* Include items that you would not typically include in a note as part of the clinical record.
* Explain why the items you included in the privileged note would not be included in the client family’s progress note.
* Explain whether your preceptor uses privileged notes. If so, describe the type of information he or she might include. If not, explain why.