

CHALLENGES IN PEDIATRIC NURSING

WHEN CARING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

COMMUNICATION BARRIERS



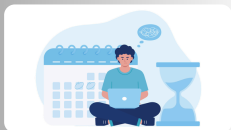
Difficulties when communicating with nonverbal or cognitively impaired children can be hard for nurses. The ability to identify what a child needs or wants to say can be challenging when they have disabilities.

DIFFICULT MEDICAL NEEDS



Managing disabilities with specialized care for different health conditions can be challenging for nurses. It takes a lot of specialized training and energy to be able to properly give care to different health conditions.

TIME CONSTRAINTS



Caring for children with disabilities includes heavy workloads that are a lot to balance with limited time.

Creating work plans to balance different tasks in proper time is important. Having time to care and aid for patients that require lots of attention when having other tasks can be very difficult.

EMOTIONAL STRESS



Lots of stress is put upon nurses when caring for children with disabilities that require more attention than children. Many nurses face burnouts and isolation from high demands of the job. Many experience depression or guilt from witnessing or dealing with children's disabilities.

LACK OF TRAINING



Many nurses feel underprepared due to limited disability-focused education in nursing programs. Many face a lack of confidence, trouble managing complex medical and behavioral needs, and lack experience in communication with patients who have limited verbal abilities.

FAMILY DYNAMICS



Nurses may face challenges with families of patients such as the lack of communication, social stigma, and the need to build strong, trusting partnerships with parents to understand each child's unique needs. These relational and communication difficulties directly impact the quality of care provided.