

Forensic Nursing Culture and Recovery-Oriented Practice: A Focused Ethnography

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Abstract : Providing recovery-oriented practice in forensic settings is often a contentious issue. This paper focuses on recovery with how it is influenced by the forensic population and how it is impacted by forensic nurses' attitudes and practices. Understanding the culture of forensic nursing and how forensic nurses experience and perceive recovery for forensic patients provided insights into how forensic nurses use recovery-oriented practices to enhance nursing care in secure settings and facilitate successful reintegration back into community care and society. Interviews were completed with nurses who work with the Not Criminally Responsible patient population in an inpatient setting to discuss and explore how they use recovery-oriented practice in their practice in spite of their role in assessing and managing risk.

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