

NURSE
Community Health



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**FUNCTIONS &
QUALITIES OF A
COMMUNITY
HEALTH NURSE**

Community health nursing

"A field of nursing that combines the skills of nursing, public health and some phases of social assistance and functions as part of the total public health programme for the promotion of health, improvement of the conditions in the social and environment, rehabilitation of illness and disability"

World Health organization, Community Health nursing, 1974. Report of the WHO Expert Committee. WHO Technical Report Series 558, Geneva Switzerland.



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- **A community health nurse performs various functions while she works in any defined community health setting.**
- **There are various factors which determine the roles & functions of a community health nurse. They are as follows.**

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- **The designated position.**
- **The organization's policies.**
- **The number and type of other health workers.**

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- **The family's & community's expectations.**
- **The community health nurses' own perception and abilities.**

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- **In general the community health nurse performs the following functions according to her roles: as follows**

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1. CARE PROVIDER



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She provides a continuous and comprehensive care to the family, group of people and community at large.

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- **She emphasizes more on promotive and preventive health care.**

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- **The community health nurse approaches the family and persuades them to implement promotive and preventive measures.**
- **Care during illness is beneficial gaining acceptance, trust and confidence.**

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- **She also provides care during illness for which usually the family members come forward to seek help.**

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- **As care is given the nurse educates and helps the family members to develop their abilities and overcome their barriers so that they can take care of their health and nursing needs, promote their health and prevent illness.**

- **The care is provided at home, clinic, school, work place etc.**
- **This function is referred to as “CARE PROVIDER ROLE”**

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