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Competencies for Pelvic Exam

Core Nursing Practice Competencies for Pelvic Exam			
KNOWLEDGE of:	SKILL in:	JUDGMENT regarding:	ATTITUDE that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> women centred-care gender variance socio-economic determinants of health as it pertains to women's screening risk cultural and spiritual beliefs, generational and community attitudes regarding women's reproductive health sexual practices and risk factors etiology, signs & symptoms, testing, complications, diagnostic findings (e.g., cervical cytology, STIs) education, prevention strategies and counselling techniques available educational, community and specialized resources documentation and reporting requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> assessing clients' knowledge of their sexual health; status of cervical cancer screening; STI screening and risk factors obtaining a sexual health history performing pelvic exam: external genital exam, speculum exam and bimanual exam collecting specimens, ordering appropriate tests providing appropriate education and resources providing appropriate partner notification asking appropriate and sensitive questions in relation to people's genitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> determining appropriate cervical cancer screening and STI screening needed determining need for appropriate referral services determining need for and arranging referral to appropriate next-level services after screening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> respects individual's choices and beliefs demonstrates self awareness of own beliefs, values, and practice limitations demonstrates sensitivity regarding impact of cervical cytology and STI diagnoses; infectious disease surveillance, reporting, and partner notification demonstrates respect for heavily stigmatized populations