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The documentary raises specific ethical dilemmas that the patient and the nurses must deal with daily. In the documentary, Louie and Ron are siblings, and they live together. Ron was involved in an accident. As a result, he was crippled and had to rely on a wheelchair. On the other hand, his sibling Louie recently had a heart attack, and as a result, he had to move in with his brother. Jessica is a Nurse Practitioner (NP) who took care of Ron and ensure that he made progress with his therapy. When Louie and Jessica met at Ron’s place, he believed that Jessica, as a nurse, was not the rightful person to handle his brother's finances. Louie avers that because he is the closest relative to Ron, he should be the one to have access and manage his finances. In stating this to the nurse, Louie threatened her that he could dig up specific issues that may be detrimental to her.

After this engagement, the nurse was faced with an ethical dilemma on the safe being of Ron. As the assigned nurse to enhance Ron’s safety, the utterances by the brother were quite concerning. In normal circumstances, she ought to have contacted the Adult Protective Services, which would launch an emergency rescue to check up on the well-being of Ron. However, in this case, there is a disconnect and conflict between the two brothers. A dilemma, therefore, arises in that if the nurse contracts the services of the Adult Protective Services, the same would escalate the conflict between the two siblings.

On the other hand, the nurse must ensure the well-being of the patient under her care. Calling this unit will also impact the relationship between the nurse and Ron. It is important to note that in patient-centered care, such as in the situation between Ron and Jessica, personal interaction is essential, and the nurse must create a strong bond with the patient. Eventually, Jessica makes the correct move by first engaging Ron's manager to inquire about his finances and precisely state that the brother should not have access to Ron's accounts.

The concept of a Disruptive Innovator refers to a service provider that tailors its services and products to meet the demands of its customers. Still, at the same time, these services are affordable to the population (Barlow Hargreaves & Gillibrand, 2018). In this case, Jessica depicts the picture of a disruptive innovator because she provides medical care to patients that cannot frequently visit healthcare institutions due to their conditions. She has tailored her services to meet the need of such patients. Furthermore, her services are affordable to her patients.

Nursing is a complex field, and the nurses get to interact with different patients, and in certain circumstances, ethical dilemmas might arise in the process. In most cases, the personal beliefs of the nurses may influence how they address such difficulties (Hamric, Hanson, Tracy & O’Grady, 2019). Given these circumstances, I would address the matter in a way that would minimize the effect it will have on my patient.

In addressing this ethical dilemma, I would engage Ron on the same and suggest that he acquires the services of an independent financial manager or an institution that can manage his accounts (Rainer, Schneider & Lorenz, 2018). In the present case, the manager was close to the family, which may escalate the family dispute that might affect his health. The primary detriment of this dilemma is that Ron stands to lose his money if the same is not addressed adequately and effectively. On the other hand, if the same is addressed, Ron's finances will be secure, and his brother will not interfere with the same therefore minimizing the family conflict (Barlow Hargreaves & Gillibrand, 2018).

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