Slide 1 Historical Perspectives Chapter Two Catherine Hrycyk, MScN Nursing 50

Topics for today:

-highlight very briefly:

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Contributions of Early Civilizations

-read about the origins of Nursing in text

contributions of few early civilizations early efforts of nursing development of *modern* nursing history of nursing in the US Florence Nightingale

Early civilizations:

-concerned about survival of the group, therefore primitive health-care practices grew from trial & error process

-amazing contributions:

Emptions: surgery, birth control, midwives, bandaging & preventative health care Hebrews- C-sections, amputations, circumcisions

Greeks- wholistic health care

Romans- >600 meds, ID infections, ID job-related dangers, medical texts, clean water & spas

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- Early efforts in nursing:
 -early Christian writing: women ministered to
 the sick/ provided care
- -Dark Ages: Catholic church set up monasteries and convents for care of sick and poor
- Development of modern nursing (Renaissance)
 -Catholic- nation states- health care remained unchanged, except that the number of male nurses declined
- -Non-Catholic- nation states- health care degenerated, so secular nursing orders took over (Sisters of Charity in the 1600s!)

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- History of nursing in the US:
 -eventually followed the form of Europe
 -greatly influenced by war and therefore, a need
- Much propaganda arose to get people involved in war efforts, and that included nurses....

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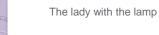


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Florence Nightingale....

- Founder of modern nursing (1820-1920)
 Highly educated, trained in Germany for 3 months, and later ran a private nursing home
 Improved health care by educating women to be reliable, highly quality nurses
 Volunteered services during the cholera outbreak, and then took 37 nurses to the Crimean War front. After 6 months, the mortality rate dropped from 42% to 2%!!!!!
- Developed schools of nursing that were independent of hospitals and physicians
- Focus of nursing was the 'need of client' not the 'need of the physician'

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See you next class....

Please do your readings & bring thoughtful questions!