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Much of the healthcare practices takes place within healthcare facilities. To maintain quality of services and foster improved patient outcome, healthcare professionals must abide by the ethical principles, the rules or characters that individuals maintain in their workplace or interacting with other people. Such ethical principles include integrity, negligence, non-maleficence and patient confidentiality in the context of work. In the short story, “The Secret” by Frank Huyler, the ethical principle of patient confidentiality is violated because the patient's condition was disclosed and people were allowed into the patient's room despite his condition; the ethical condition of negligence was also violated because the patient was being ignored and there was no proper measure taken to ensure no flies in the ICU.

Patient confidentiality involves health care providers protecting personal or medical information from reaching unauthorized individuals. From the story of “The Secret,” there are several incidences where patient confidentiality is not adhered to. The medical condition of the patient was disclosed to other people in the hospital. One of the medical students was sent for a falcon and before long, the news had spread (Huyler, 2002). As evident, medical student who went out for bacon probably spread the news about the patient to other people because after that, everyone became aware. It was unethical to spread the news about the patient outside the healthcare facility. The patient had some maggots in his mouth and the nurse made everyone in the hospital aware. It was the nurse's responsibility to take care of the patient and provide information to the physicians. Instead of giving the information to the doctors, she caught other nurses' and medical students' attention by describing how bad the patient's condition was. The nurse should not have let everyone see the patient's condition, but instead, she should have only let the doctor into the room. Nurses, medical students and residents began to fill the patient's room (Huyler, 2002). Nobody else was supposed to be allowed in the room apart from the nurse in charge and the doctor. Imagine being admitted in

a healthcare facility where patient's information is not treated confidentially. Such a practice not only violates ethical principles recommended in healthcare provision but also hampers the psychological wellness of the patient. Therefore, it was unethical for the hospital to entertain such practices while the patient's condition was so worse.

It is easy to argue that the healthcare professionals did not abide by the ethical principle of negligence, situation where an individual does not care for something or someone the way it should be done. From the short story, negligence was present on several occasions. Huyler (2002) says, "After two weeks he was getting better and for the past few days we had virtually ignored him" (p. 99). The patient was not being cared for well as it is supposed to be in a health care facility. The nurses were supposed to be watching over him, which is part of ethical principles in a hospital. Patients need close attention and regular check-up to monitor their conditions. The presence of negligence in the hospital led to maggots filling the patient's mouth. The health care providers assumed the patient when his condition seemed to be getting better. If the nurse in charge had been taking proper care of the patient, this condition could have been controlled. From previous incidences, flies in the ICU could lead to the emergence of maggots (Huyler, 2002). The situation had occurred earlier due to a similar mistake of having flies. In my understanding, negligence can be easily avoided. Measures of ensuring no such incidences occurring, such as regular check-ups and equipment monitoring, were not taken properly.

It is quite evident that the ethical principles of patient confidentiality and negligence were not adhered in "the secret." Notably, ethical principles are laid and kept in healthcare to ensure maximum security of patients receiving treatment or medical attention and hence our healthcare facility is not exceptional. In the current healthcare field, most healthcare providers maintain ethical principles. The patients' information is kept safe and only authorized individuals are allowed to access it. Nurses and physicians on duty should be

careful when handling their patients. Different schedules have been developed to ensure that patients are regularly monitored and information is updated. Ethical principles are essential to be maintained in the healthcare field because it is a sensitive area. When the principles are not upheld, the chances of risks, such as the patient's death, are very high.

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