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Response 1

In nursing practice, social justice exists when patient participation, equality and access to healthcare services exist. I agree that resources are always scarce and stakeholders must ensure that the few available resources are distributed equally to those who need them. Dickman et al. (2017) suggest that this is one way of achieving equity and equality in delivery of healthcare services to the people. With resources distributed evenly, it means that patients will manage to access health services, regardless of their gender, age, or social status. I concur that this is one of the principal duties of being a nurse, to advocate for the efficient delivery of quality healthcare services to those who need it, regardless of the many discriminatory factors. At the same time, indeed, policymakers always ignore the input from patients, who are also stakeholders in healthcare. Decisions are made that affect them, but they are not involved in policymaking, which is wrong. Braithwaite (2018) argue that we must rethink our healthcare strategy. I believe that patients have a right to be involved in policymaking just like any other stakeholder.

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Response 2

Social inequalities have continued to hinder the delivery of quality health services, especially in developing countries (World Health Organization, 2018). I accede that in developing countries, the health services are underdeveloped and those with deep pockets are in an advantageous position because they can afford the best medical care in some of the best

private institutions. Nonetheless, the disparities in the delivery of health services are artificial. However, nurses have a role to play in addressing some of the social disparities that exist. It is true that nurses can champion better health care systems especially in areas where they are non-existent. Additionally, I believe that remaining silent while people suffer is against the code of ethics in nursing. Nurses are also activists coming from Florence Nightingale contribution to Crimean War (Al Shammari et al., 2017). She sacrificed herself and was devoted to duty while treating wounded soldiers. As nurses, we must ensure that patients receive the best care available. I assent that we must champion for proper distribution of resources, participate in activities that promote nursing, and promote equality for all seeking health care services.

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