Real World Case Study Assignment

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The three areas of possible concerns in the Case Study are the lack of empathy for James and for his parents, the disregard for the suffering being silently endured in the midst of so many strangers and the feeling of being a science experiment rather than a human experience. The first is a concern because not a single person has spoken to, much less looked anyone of them in the eye and asked them anything, “Can I get you anything?”, “Do you have any questions?”, “Would you like to speak to someone?”, “What is it that I could do for you?”. The second is also a concern because the isolation James or his parents must feel due to being ignored by so many people standing around while not acknowledging them. The third is a concern because in this large space it is filled with people who are not family members and who are more interested in the dying process than in the remaining living moments. The chosen concerns are similar than those identified at the end of the Chapter. They are similar by identifying the need for family to be present in the moment of something so terrible and allowing them to comfort, grieve and mourn together.

There were meaningful priorities that were met through the behavior of the nursing instructor in Part B of the Case Study. One of the meaningful priorities was acknowledging what was most important, James and his parents. Another meaningful priority that the nursing instructor exhibited was respect for the fellow staff by not displaying anger or disappointment in such a way as to draw attention even further away from the dying process of a small child than what had already been displayed.

In reflection of how meaningful priorities can be used in clinical practice, I believe that compassion is important. The reason I believe compassion is important is because it enforces that we are not alone and we can provide caring and understanding to those who are suffering. Therefore, I plan to implement the meaningful priorities of compassion in my future clinical practice.