

## Attitudes Toward Interprofessional Health Care Teams

We are interested in learning about your attitudes toward interprofessional health care teams (ie. participation of more than three professions in collaborative patient care).

Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements, by checking the appropriate space following each statement.

Use the scale SD = strongly disagree; D = disagree; N = neutral; A = agree; SA = strongly agree.

STATEMENT:	SD	D	N	A	SA
1. Patients/clients receiving interprofessional care are more likely than others to be treated as whole persons.					
2. Developing an interprofessional patient/client care plan is excessively time consuming.					
3. The give and take among team members helps them make better patient/client care decisions.					
4. The interprofessional approach makes the delivery of care more efficient.					
5. Developing a patient/client care plan with other team members avoids errors in delivering care.					
6. Working in an interprofessional manner unnecessarily complicates things most of the time.					
7. Working in an interprofessional environment keeps most health professionals enthusiastic and interested in their jobs.					
8. The interprofessional approach improves the quality of care to patients/clients.					
9. In most instances, the time required for interprofessional consultations could be better spent in other ways.					
10. Health professionals working as teams are more responsive than others to the emotional and financial needs of patients/clients.					
11. The interprofessional approach permits health professionals to meet the needs of family caregivers as well as patients.					
12. Having to report observations to a team helps team members better understand the work of other health professionals.					
13. Hospital patients who receive interprofessional team care are better prepared for discharge than other patients.					
14. Team meetings foster communication among team members from different professions or disciplines.					

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