Space Nursing

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Space nursing is the nursing specialty that studies how space travel impacts human response patterns. Similar to space medicine, the specialty also contributes to knowledge about nursing care of earthbound patients.

THE CHALLENGE of SPACE NURSING

The challenge is to have man living and working in a permanently based space station. Nursing is on the threshold of expanding the health care role to man’s adaptation in outer space. Elements of man’s physiologic and psychologic responses are involved in determining the most productive use of man and machines in the space environment. Curricular considerations for a career in space nursing are being explored. The projection of possibilities for practice of space nursing can produce effective contributions toward health care maintenance of the space station personnel. The challenge for nursing is to become a collaborating team participant in the exploration of living and working in space.