**Pediatric Nursing**

**Learning objectives**

* To know the definition ofpediatric nursing
* To know the characteristics of pediatric nursing
* To know the role of pediatric nursing

**Definition of pediatric nursing**

* is “the practice of nursing with children, youth, and their families across the health continuum, including health promotion, illness management, and health restoration. Although the pediatric nurse must be knowledgeable about a wide range of medical conditions and treatment options
* It is “ the art and science of giving nursing care to children from birth through adolescent with emphasis on the physical growth, mental, emotional and psycho-social development “.

**Philosophy of pediatric nursing?**

Consistent with the definition of nursing. "The diagnosis and treatment of human responses actual or potential health problems."

**Characteristics of good pediatric nurse must be:**

* Good observer
* Honest and truthful
* Sympathetic, kind, patient and cheerful
* Love to work with children
* Interested in family care
* Able to provide teaching to children and their families

**Role of a Pediatric Nurse**

* direct caregiver
* Educator
* Counselor
* Consultant
* Advocate
* care coordinator, or health systems manager
* **Researcher**

**Nursing role in primary health care are:**

* 1-Promote the healthy maturation of the child as a physical, intellectual and emotional being within the context of his family and community (primary level)
* 2-Provide health care for the child who requires treatment from disease(s) (secondary level)
* 3-Dealing with the Child's disabilities (tertiary level) or rehabilitation which means maximizing the child's potential level of his body function.