Forgiveness, Civility, and Personality

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Incivility in nursing education and practice is an ongoing problem that persists in spite of a variety of interventions designed to improve it. Forgiveness and personality characteristics are concepts that have not been studied together with civility. The study aim was to describe the relationships among civility, forgiveness, and personality characteristics, agreeableness and emotional stability, in nursing education and practice. Multiple linear regression was used to test if forgiveness and personality characteristics significantly predicted civility. Forgiveness and personality characteristics were predictive of civility. These findings can be used to support an innovative intervention designed to improve forgiveness. With improving forgiveness, civility improvements may follow.