

Hospital Setting between Nurse and Patient

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Abstract

Mixed methods research approach was used to investigate the perceptions of spiritual care of nurses and patients. We recorded the nurses' perception of patient wishes, perceived relevance of spiritual care for patients, spiritual care provided in practice, and their evaluation of the spiritual care provided for the patients. With regard to the patients the nurses cared for, we recorded their satisfaction with the information and experiences of spiritual care provided by the nurses.

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Introduction

In response to these concerns training has been reported as one way of increasing not just skills but also facilitating the required attitude and facility for spiritual care giving. Spirituality is a broad concept, interpreted and defined in different ways by different people. This may impede care giving in practice as well as research in this area. Many studies are limited to end-of-life situations. Furthermore, few studies have investigated nurses' perceptions of spiritual care. Another study, in a hospital setting not specific to the end of life, suggested that nurses feel that a wide variety of spiritual interventions, such as listening and prayer, are helpful to patients [1].

In this study, we investigated nurses' perceptions of their own spiritual care and perceived facilitators of providing it, as well as the perceptions of their patients in the same setting. We defined spirituality as the religious or existential mode of human functioning, including experiences and questions of meaning and purpose [2]. We employed this functional definition because we acknowledge that human beings

but nurses perceive lack of spiritual skills in providing end-of-life care, but their st

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