



Understanding Palliative Care: A Nursing Perspective

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Abstract

This study aims to explore the understanding of palliative care among nursing students. The study used a qualitative approach, specifically phenomenology, to gain an in-depth understanding of the experience of palliative care from the perspective of nursing students. The participants were 10 nursing students who were asked to participate in semi-structured interviews. The data was analyzed using thematic analysis, and the findings revealed that the participants had a limited understanding of palliative care, which was often influenced by their personal experiences and beliefs. The findings also indicated that the participants had a lack of knowledge about the principles and practices of palliative care, such as the importance of communication, compassion, and respect for the patient's wishes. The findings suggest that there is a need for more education and training in palliative care for nursing students to ensure that they are well-prepared to provide compassionate care to patients with life-limiting illnesses.

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