
The training evaluations on the nurses of the continuing nursing management educational program in Japan

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Abstract

The Continuing Nursing Management that integrates medical care and life has become inevitable since the number of patients with chronic illness has increased as Japan's senior population rise. To train the nurses who have competence and skill to qualify for Continuing Nursing Management, we have built and established the educational program. The purpose of this research is the participants' program evaluation and changes of the awareness concerning the Continuing Nursing Management. Research Method; Evaluation sheet was distributed to the participants after the training. On the evaluation sheet, 20 training items were indicated, and the participants marked in five Likert scales for each item. They could write freely on their recognition changes about management. As for the research cooperation, ethical consideration was explained in writing, and the research was conducted with the participants' consent. As a result, 20 nurses who participated the program has grasped the idea of the Continuing Nursing Management, and made some new discoveries on the continuing care. Furthermore, they have desired to utilize the program at care sites. The view point of the management anew recognizes the importance of the early stage care even from the acute care treatment or hospitalization. It has been recognized that medical care needs to be considered from a broader and holistic perspective so that there is continuity between a hospital and the community, and that life and medical care are integrated. The Continuing Nursing Management will certainly be a critical concept for Japan's future. By implementing Continuing Nursing Management in an effective and efficient manner, patients should feel they have more control, a sense that should come from self-health management, and both numbers of unnecessary hospital visits or cases of unnecessary hospitalization are projected to fall thanks to more appropriate hospital visits, eventually leading to medical cost savings in the future.
