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Important to involve relatives - Positive results of implementation of Family Focused Nursing

When a patient is affected by illness, the whole family is affected. It can be difficult for family members to talk about the challenges the illness presents to them, and find solutions to the challenges. Wright and Leahey have developed a model for Family Conversations, Calgary Family Assessment Model (CFAM) and Family Intervention Model (CFIM). The purpose is to involve and support the patient/family.

Theory/Methods: At the Department M/FAM all nursing staff are trained in CFAM and CFIM. M/FAM has set up a nursing clinic for patient/family conversations due to an increased need. All patients and their families who have had contact with M/FAM and who need it can be offered conversations of 40 minutes duration.

Results: Families experience the conversations as a free space where they can talk openly together about what affects them without it only being about care and treatment of the disease.

It as a more in-depth conversation, where difficult topics such as death also are discussed.

They put into words and heard how they each experience the disease, what ideas they have, what challenges they experience, and they become aware that they do not necessarily have the same experiences.

Supported by nurses, they find out for themselves what resources they have in the family and how to cope/solve the challenges.

The nurses find the family conversations relevant and meaningful, and it gives great job satisfaction.

Conclusions: The clinic have become a huge success. All times are booked. Families express it as a satisfying, different and intense way of talking. It is meaningful and gives great job satisfaction to the nurses. There is great interest in the clinic both among health professionals and families. We believe that the clinic can help recruit and retain nurses in the ward at a time of shortage of nurses.

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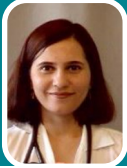
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Nurses' knowledge and perception about developing an advance practice nurse role in Pakistan: a qualitative study

Problem statement: The advanced practice nurse (APN) is a masters prepared registered nurse with sound knowledge and clinical expertise for expanded practice which is defined by the country in which APN practices. The growth of the APN role has shown profound healthcare development outcomes including improvement in quality of patient care and patient safety, mitigation of the physician shortage in underserved areas, improved perception of the public image of nursing, and cost of delivery. The APN role was established in the 1960s in the United States. After five decades, approximately fifty countries have adopted the APN model. However, Pakistan healthcare system has yet to embrace the APN role.

Purpose of the study: The purpose of this study is to identify nurses' knowledge and perception about developing an advance practice nurse role in Pakistan. Methodology: Twelve semi-structured interviews were conducted among nurses from all over Pakistan. Data analysis was performed by thematic analysis using thematic network.

Results: The preliminary data analysis revealed that nurses believed introducing APN role in Pakistan will enhance accessibility of healthcare in the underserved areas. In tertiary care settings, APN will bring consistency in care delivery which will improve quality of care. APN will deliver a cost-effective care and will be more approachable. Additionally, establishing APN role will improve nurses' image and career prospects which will increase nurses retention and satisfaction rate. However, nurses expressed that Pakistan's political and legislative structure, opposition from the physicians, lack of quality nursing education, and unacceptability from general public would be the major limitations for establishing APN role. Some nurses also expressed the opposition from seasoned nurses and nursing leaders as one of the barriers.

Conclusion and significance: It is critical to develop APN role in Pakistan to address the growing need for healthcare access, improved patient and population outcomes, and increased recognition of nursing profession and career opportunities.

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