



Comparing the Viewpoints of Nurses with those of the Family Members of Patients Admitted to Pediatric Ward towards Spiritual Care in Imam Reza Hospital of Kermanshah

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Introduction: Spiritual care plays a key role in creating a healthy relaxed mood for patients and their family. Nurses' understanding of spirituality can be effective in how they communicate with patients and their family. Therefore, this study was designed to investigate the spiritual care from the viewpoints of nurses and the families of patients admitted to the pediatric wards of Imam Reza Hospital in Kermanshah in 2017.

Methods: This study adopted an analytical comparative method, and made use of convenience sampling strategy. The sample consisted of 116 respondents (58 nurses and 58 family members of patients) who were selected at Imam Reza Hospital. Data was collected through a questionnaire with two sections including demographic information and spiritual care perspective. The validity of the questionnaire was determined using content validity and test-retest method. SPSS v24 was used to analyze the data and run independent-samples t-test, ANOVA, Tukey post-hoc analysis, and Pearson correlation.

Results:

The average spiritual care perspective for nurses and family patients were found to be 87.78 and 92.25, respectively. There was a significant difference between the two groups ($p < 0.001$) with the average spiritual care perspective of the family members of patients being higher than those of nurses.

Conclusion:

Considering the results found which showed that the spiritual care viewpoint score of the families of patients were higher than those of nurses, and the importance of spiritual care for patients' health and the relaxation of their family, it is essential for nurses to implement spiritual care in their clinical practice. Also, designing scientific spiritual care policies and running training courses in this regard should be an educational target.

Key Words: spiritual care, nurse, family, children.

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