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Development of key dimensions of health literacy among multiethnic groups of women in Taiwan

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Developing the key dimensions of females' health literacy is critically important for providing appropriate evaluation instrument and improving health literacy in multiethnic groups of women in Taiwan. The purpose of this presentation is to report the strategies and results of development of the key themes and contents of females' health literacy. Three strategies were applied including a literature review of Taiwan Health and Welfare Ministry's 2020 report, the content analysis of 600 females' health websites and a modified Delphi survey. According to the review of the Health and Welfare Ministry's 2020 national health report and the analysis of the total of 218 effective websites from Google, Yahoo, Bing, Yam, 9 key domains and 98 content dimensions of females' health literacy were extracted. Then, the two-round modified Delphi survey was conducted. Ten experts were invited and seven experts completed the survey and replied. Based on survey data analysis and expert adjustment, six themes and twenty-nine key dimensions were retained. The content validity of the experts was up to 0.80. The final key themes of females' health literacy consist of menstruation, menopause, reproductive health, female's cancer, women's disease and gynecological examination. Based on the key themes and contents, an instrument of female's health literacy will be designed and applied to investigate the health literacy in multiethnic groups of women in Taiwan.

Biography

Hsiu-Min Tsai received her PhD in Community Health Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin, School of Nursing in 2005. She has worked at the Chang Gung University of Science and Technology, Taiwan as the Dean of Academic Affairs for 10 years. She has also worked as a Professor and was inducted as Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in the US. She has conducted more than 10 international and national studies and has published more than 30 papers in reputed journals.

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