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Clinical nursing research with the support of university teachers: Administrative achievements that were noticed by hospital nurse managers

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Background & Aim: The university teachers in Sapporo City University oversaw the research activities of nurses at seven hospitals. We identified hospital nurse managers' perceptions of the outcomes from the viewpoint of nurse management.

Methods: We chose five nurse managers from the hospitals that received research support as the subjects of this study and interviewed through a list of questions with them. The summarized answers according to type from the three perspectives of patient care, staff motivation/ability and hospital administration were recorded as data. A qualitative induction analysis of the answers was conducted using similarities and common features as a guide and they were thoroughly examined and analyzed by a panel of joint researchers. The approval of the Ethical Committee of Sapporo City University was obtained.

Results: The results of research were applied in nursing care and the basis and essence of care became clear, but also we did not identify any improvements in patient care. The ability of hospital educators to guide research was improved and the educational involvement of the teachers made them role models for the staff, but also the impression that research was difficult could not be dispelled entirely. It becomes another part of continuing education, nurses quit less often, nurses' work with enthusiasm and having a researcher's perspective can lead to improved operations, but also we did not notice any differences in administration.

Conclusion & Discussion: The nurse managers considered the research support activities productive if some kind of change in nursing care could be observed when the results of research were applied to the daily activities of the hospital nurses, etc. and appreciated the way that systematic cooperation between the hospital and the university contributed toward career development at the hospital.

Biography

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