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Age-friendly nursing care perceived by professional nurses working in hospital wards: Project on development of age-friendly nursing service system

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This descriptive study aimed to evaluate the age-friendly nursing care as perceived by professional nurses. The sample was the professional nurses under the development of age-friendly project. A total of 337 participants from 9 departments were asked questions using age-friendly nursing care scale developed by Boonsong Hatawaikarn during April-December 2014. Descriptive statistics were used to analyze the outcomes. The results showed that: (1) The overall scores of age-friendly nursing care scale were high, the average score was 4.34/5 (standard deviation (SD=0.75) where the highest scores were in the areas of attitude and communication, the respect and right protection of older adults. The other areas; nursing care, age-friendly environment, social and family support in caring older patients during hospitalization were in the high levels and (2) Nurse's perception regarding age-friendly nursing care classified by department was highest in surgery and orthopedics department with the average scores of 4.52/5 (SD=0.71). The scores of other departments were high. The level of perception influences the quality of age-friendly nursing care. Thus, nursing organization should support more on the development of age-friendly nursing care in order to improve efficiency in geriatric care.

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