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Opinions of patients on male nurses: Inspection by gender perception

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Aim: This study was planned to determine the opinions of male inpatients in Samsun Educational Research Hospital regarding male nurses in terms of gender perception.

Procedures/Methods: In this study, which was planned in accordance with descriptive research guidelines, data were obtained from 291 inpatient treatment between 5th January and 15th March 2017. The questionnaire prepared by the researchers was filled by interviewing the individuals face to face. In the evaluation of the data, frequency, average, percentage methods were used.

Results: The average age of the participants was 52.96±15.07 and 53.4 % were females. 49.5% of participants were in general surgery, 25.1% were in internal medicine and 25.4% were in cardiology department. It was determined that 45% of the participants were primary school graduates. 67.7% of the participants stated that they had learned in the hospital that men were doing nursing and 37.8 % stated that they had previously received care from a male nurse. While 62.9% of the participants indicated that male nurses should work in all clinics of the hospital; 32.7% stated that they should not work in the birth room and 30.2% in the gynecology and obstetric clinics. When the opinions about male nurses are examined; 37.5% of participants stated that "male nurses will be more friendly, polite and takes better care than women"; 47.1% "develop nursing profession wherein men are involved"; 74.2% of them stated that "nursing is a profession that both women and men can do" and 74.9% of participants stated "nurses' success in practice is more important than gender"; 54.6% of participants said "I can show my body without hesitation to male nurses for treatment"; 60.5% said "I would like my son to be a male nurse"; 37.8% stated that they were hesitant in the view that "I would like to receive nursing service from a male nurse". 47.4% of male nurses should provide only male patients' care in hospital" and 55.3% of them did not agree with the opinion of "male nurses are uncomfortable to take care".

Conclusion & Suggestions: The opinions of inpatient patients about male nurses are generally accepted. However, it should be ensured that all patients and the community have a positive view of the male nurse. For this purpose, it should be made aware that gender is not a factor affecting equality of nursing care and care, considering the gender perceptions of patients.

Biography

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