

Relationship-based care model and effects on nurse-physician collaboration

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Relationship-based care model (RBC) is excellent healthcare achieved through collaborative relationships. A collaborative practice model exists between nurses and physicians when a collegial relationship is at the core of interdependent partnering between the two disciplines. The purpose of this evaluative study was to delineate the frequency of self-reported nurse-physician collaborative behaviors in an acute care hospital practicing the RBC model. One objective of the study is that nurses can identify nurse-physician collaborative behaviors in the patient care setting. A second is that nurses identify the RBC model as a method of promoting nurse-physician collaborative behaviors. A descriptive study was conducted using a two-group design. The first group was composed of registered nurses and the second of physicians. The setting was a nonprofit acute care hospital. The sample consisted of 114 nurses and 33 physicians. The Nurse-Physician Collaboration Scale (NPCS) was used to measure self-reported levels of collaborative behavior in three subscales. Findings indicate nurses and physicians agree on the frequency of collaborative behaviors most often in the subscale that concentrated on the nurse-physician relationship. One conclusion is that the RBC model of practice focuses nurses and physicians on their relationship and may contribute to collaborative nurse-physician behaviors.

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