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The knowledge, view and practice of nurses and midwife's in term of oral and dental health during pregnancy

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This study which was conducted in Istanbul, Turkey was to determine nurses and midwives' knowledge, views and practices about oral and dental health (ODH) during pregnancy. A cross-sectional survey was conducted on nurses/midwives who work at a maternity services during in-service education courses attended in Istanbul. Anonymity and confidentiality were explained to the participants, before the study. Of health professionals, 420 accepted to participate in the study. As they were not fully completed, 42 forms were not taken into consideration. 378 participants' forms (172 nurses, 206 midwives) were assessed. Participation rate was 84%. The data was collected using the self-administered questionnaire developed by the researchers. The questionnaire included 15 questions related to the socio-demographic characteristics of the participants and 23 questions related to the knowledge, attitudes and practice in relation to ODH during pregnancy. The analysis of the data gathered from the study was performed with the SPSS for Windows. The descriptive characteristics of participants analyzed with the percentages. The mean age of the participants was 32,89± 8,25 years (min 17- max 60), 97.0% of them were female, 54.3% midwife, and 45.7 % nurse. 92.1% participants stated that pregnant should be guided on ODH and 86.8% of participants reported that ODH for pregnant should be a part of prenatal care but 78% of them did not provide information to pregnant. 56.3% participants believed that nurses and midwives have limited contribution to ODH of pregnant. 28.8% participants said that they have sufficient training to inform pregnant about ODH.

Biography

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