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Teaching about cancer to nurses: Bridging fears with knowledge

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There is a need for nurses competent in cancer care worldwide. After all, nurses will encounter patients and families experiencing cancer in almost all practice settings. At the same time, educators of nurses need to be sensitive to the perceptions and past experiences of their learners. In Qatar, nurses come from diverse cultural and language backgrounds with varying preparation in cancer nursing. The challenges faced by the nurse educator include: overcoming preconceptions about cancer, finding resources appropriate to the language abilities of ESL students and adapting content to the context of the Middle East. This presentation will discuss the process of developing and delivering an elective course on cancer nursing to Post-diploma and undergraduate nursing students in Qatar.

Biography

Kathleen de Leon-Demare has over 30 years of experience in Nursing Practice and Nursing Education. She has earned two Master degrees in Nursing: the first from the University of Manitoba, Canada and the second Post-Master's Diploma as a Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Missouri-Columbia, USA. She has published papers on Advanced Nursing Practice and Nurse Practitioner Education.

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