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Development of patient handover documentation tool

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Proper documentation during shift change plays an important and integral part for providing accurate and quality of care for the patient. Using Patient Handover Documentation Tool for Staff Nurses for communicating patient's needs and information improves nurses' safe practice in basic nursing care and improve the quality of patient handover. The aim of study is to develop Patient Handover Documentation Tool for Staff Nurses. Two hundred and fifty-two items were generated from evidence and qualitative data. Face and content validity were established through experts by three modified Delphi rounds. Content validity was computed. The content validity index (CVI) was calculated for each item i.e. CVI-i, content validity index for experts i.e. CVI-e and general content validity index for the tool i.e. CVI-total. Item level CVI (CVI-i) is calculated by number of experts agreeing on the value of relevance of each item (value between 3 and 4) divided by total number of experts, expert level CVI (CVI-e) is calculated by number of items scored between 3 and 4 by an expert divided by total number of items and general CVI (CVI-total) is calculated by sum of all experts individual CVI divided by number of experts. Based on expert panel, CVI-i lower than 0.6 were deleted, (CVI-e) is 0.8, and CVI-total) 0.825. The 252 items were reduced to 98 items. Patient Handover Documentation Tool for Staff Nurses had face and content validity. The content validity index was 0.80.

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