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## Focus charting in a selected hospital in Taguig City: Basis for training program

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**Purpose of the Study:** The primary aim of the study was to assess the level of knowledge and attitude of nurses in Focus Charting (FDAR) in a selected hospital in Taguig City as basis for training program. A total of 111 staff nurses participants who were randomly selected in various nursing units of Taguig Pateros District Hospital. Majority of the respondents came from special areas of the hospitals, most of them work in the morning shift (6 am to 6 pm) and employed from one to two years. More than half of the staff nurses have no trainings/seminars regarding documentation.

**Methodology:** The study utilized descriptive correlational method of using researchers designed questionnaire as the main tool used to gather data. The ratings of the nurses in every shift were statistically analyzed through the use of frequency and percentage distribution, weighted mean and chi-square.

**Findings:** The level of knowledge of the staff nurses per category of FDAR and in terms of their overall level of knowledge in focus charting were both rated good. Among the four categories the respondents scores high in data category and lowest in action category of FDAR. Staff nurses exhibited a positive attitude towards focus charting. The highest mean score of 3.41 on the statement that focus charting is not a waste of time and focus charting is helpful in improving patient's condition rated as very positive level of attitude. The lowest mean score of 2.95 reflects a positive attitude in which nurses believes that focus charting help to provide priorities for nursing intervention. There were no significant relationships between the respondents demographic profile namely, years of experience/service and shift which means that the null hypothesis for these variables was accepted. On the other hand there is a significant relationship between the area of hospital, and trainings/seminars attended regarding documentation thus the null hypothesis was rejected and there was no significant relationship between the level knowledge and attitude of the nurses towards focus charting.

**Conclusion:** Based on the foregoing findings, the following conclusions were drawn: Seminars/training attended regarding documentation and area of assignment of the respondents significantly affects nurse's level of knowledge in focus charting and the level of knowledge of the respondents towards focus charting is not influence by their attitude.

**Recommendations:** Availability of trainings and comprehensive orientation on nursing documentation (focus charting) must be made available for staff nurses. Hospital administrators in collaboration with the nursing service department must provide standards and protocols regarding focus charting. Staffs nurses are encouraged to attend seminars and trainings on nursing documentation. A similar research can be done utilizing more samples and references specifically on guidelines regarding documentation.

### Biography

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