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Structural dialectic model of care: A guide to data analysis in historical and cultural research on nursing (SDM)

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Introduction: The structural dialectic model of care provides a data analysis method that facilitates understanding and clarifies the meaning of the data as well as identifying their structural and functional characteristics.

Objective: To demonstrate the relevance of the structural dialectic model of care for data analysis in historical and anthropological studies of nursing, considering events, motivations, scenarios and characteristics.

Method: The characteristics and functions of the model are described and explained through an analysis of its application in seven doctoral theses (2009-2016).

Results: The structural dialectic model of care has three structures: the functional unit (ideology), the functional element (social agents) and the functional framework (scenarios). It contributes to the analysis of historical and cultural data on nursing, clarifying the processes of social representation.

Conclusions: The structural dialectic model of care constitutes a useful methodological tool for historical studies of nursing, organizing analysis of the data according to the dynamic and dialectical nature of their structures.



Biography

Jose Siles González has his expertise in nursing history and culture care. The Structural Dialectic Model of Care (SDMC) has its origin in a mid-1990s doctoral thesis entitled "Family structure and social role of women in Alicante, 1868-1936", which employed this model for the first time. We are part of a research group at the University of Alicante: "Culture of Care" (<http://web.ua.es/es/cultura-cuidados/>). SDMC presents an integrated approach to socio-cultural and biological systems from nursing perspective. The SDMC has been used in cultural history research and in cultural studies of care. A cross-disciplinary approach was adopted in the construction of this model, which among other things is based on structuralist and functionalist premises. From structuralism, the model incorporates the contributions of Lévi-Strauss.

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