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Responsibilities of the shelter nurses

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In places such as war, nuclear and biological crisis, protection places built to meet the needs of individuals and to ensure their security are called shelters. It is required for the provision of housing support to those affected by war and/or natural catastrophe, to prevent disease and death, to be protected from climate, to ensure security and rehabilitation. The care at this domain is provided from shelter nurses. Nurses have important roles in war, disaster and crisis management. Shelter nursing is composed of identification and meeting of individuals' health and emotional needs with professional nursing knowledge, skills and attitudes and nursing services offered to individuals affected by traumas caused by disasters in cooperation with other areas. Nursing process consisting of assessment, diagnosis, outcomes/planning, implementation, evaluation stages determines the roles and responsibilities of shelter nurses in all stages of care. In the case of disasters, nurses have roles such as team member, coordinator, educator, caregiver and researcher. Adequate water, food, supplies, medical support, environmental health and control of waste should be provided to meet the needs of the victims of disaster and to increase the quality of life. Nurses' responsibilities include providing triage, first aid and care, supplies and psychological support to the victims of disaster who need medical support. The responsibilities of shelter nurses were examined in this study.

Biography

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