

**PREOPERATIVE CARE DELIVERY
AMONG REGISTERED NURSES IN A
PRIVATE HOSPITAL**

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Abstract

This study aimed to examine the preoperative care delivery among Registered Nurses in a Private Hospital. In this study, the focus is on one component of the findings – the delivery of preoperative patient care. By nurse-related factors, which are specific to the nurses delivering the care, such as how much they understand about the basic concept in preoperative care, their basic knowledge in preoperative teaching and also their basic knowledge in communication skills of preoperative care.

Surgery, whether elective or emergent, is a stressful, complex event. Today as a result of advances in surgical techniques and instrumentation as well as anesthesia, has increased the acuteness and the complication of surgical patient and procedure. It is part of the unique role of the nurse to undertake patient education in many of the situations.

A convenience sample of (n=50) registered nurses from surgical wards was randomly selected and each participant was answering a self report questionnaire. Data were analyzed using a quantitative strategy.

Findings indicate that knowledge of basic preoperative care and basic communication skills was well interpreted by participants, it is suggested that different understandings and actions by nurses may result in patients receiving different levels of care. In addition, diverse levels of knowledge and experience of individual nurses also may result in inequality in the type of preoperative care that patients received.

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It is conclude that most of the participants aware about the knowledge of preoperative care. Thus, it is vital for any health organization to addressed preoperative care practices in nurses.

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