THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UTILIZED DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND THE QUALITY OF NURSING CARE PROVIDED BY NURSE INTERNS IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT.

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the study was to identify the relationship between the utilized decision making process and the quality of nursing care provided by nurse interns in the intensive care unit. A convenient sample consists of 40 nurse interns practicing in the intensive care unit were chosen after six months of experience in the internship year program. The tools used were, the standards of practice, Consists of (43) items. The second tool was the clinical decision making frame work; third tool was the standardized plan of nursing care. Patients were selected based on certain criteria. The study results indicated that the majority of interns reached the accurate nursing diagnosis by utilizing different approaches of clinical decision making components. There was a highly significant relationship between the accuracy of nursing diagnosis and the level of quality of nursing care (X2 = 16.1904, P = 0.0003) and there was a highly significant relationship between utilized clinical decision making process and the quality of nursing care. (F = 13.465, P = 000). The study recommended the use of clinical nursing model to provide a uniform approach to assessment and taught the concept of total quality improvement.

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