Assessment of Nurses' Awareness Regarding Mother and Child Rights at Al-Sabaeen Hospital in Sana'a-Yemen

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Abstract

Today clients' rights are considered as an important indicator of quality care delivered by health agencies. This study aimed at assessing nurses' awareness regarding mother and child rights in Al-Sabaeen Hospital in Sana'a - Yemen. This descriptive study conducted in the main hospital affiliated for mother and child health services. Two tools were developed by the investigators and distributed to all Yemeni nurses (63) from all educational levels and both genders, who were working for more than one year in the hospital. This study revealed that, the majority of nurses had good awareness about mother and child rights. Also it showed that all nurses who attended training courses about client's rights had good awareness of mother and child rights. A statistical significant relation was found between nurses' awareness about mother and child rights and the date of receiving these training courses. Another significant relation was found between nurses' age and their awareness. However it was found that, majority of nurses had poor awareness related to the following rights: Refuse any procedure or treatment, refuse to take the prescribed drug, review his/her medical record and obtain a copy of it, have a relative with the client during the teaching session and continuity of care even if the client refused to take part in or to continue the teaching session. It was concluded that, the majority of nurses had good awareness about mother and child rights; they still need training programs and continuous supervision and evaluation to raise their awareness regarding some rights and to enhance their adherence to mother and child rights.

Key Words: Nurses' awareness - Mother and child rights.

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