

Evaluation of Knowledge, General Opinion and Practice Experiences of Nurses in Caring of the Older Patients and Determining Affecting Factors

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This study was conducted to investigate nurses' knowledge and attitudes towards older patients. This study was conducted in a cross-sectional method on 412 participants from July to October 2020. Patients were selected using random sampling method. Three questionnaires were used: a sociodemographic form, an Older Patient in Acute Care Survey and a Knowledge about Older Patients-Quiz. According to the Pearson correlation test, there is a statistically significant and positive association between knowledge and general opinion ($P = 0.000$), ($r = 0.271$) and between practice experiences and general opinion ($P = 0.000$), ($r = 0.205$) of nurses about older patient care. There was no statistically significant relationship between knowledge and practice experiences ($P = 0.857$), ($r = -.009$). Nurses' increased knowledge and awareness of the older people will improve their interactions with the older people and the quality of their care.

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