On-line education from the EDTNA/ERCA Education Board
Topic for June 2003

Nephrology Nursing Research

This is the seventh in the series of on-line educational initiatives from the Education Board. You are invited to review the following websites and/or articles from the internet. Section 1 will give you guidelines and tips on how to publish your research papers, Sections 2-4 will recommend you the most important sites which allows you to update your knowledge on Nephrology Nursing Research and Section 5 contains a selection of relevant publications.

After reviewing the references, evaluate your knowledge and reflect on possible improvements to patient care by answering the questions in section 6.

If you are updating your knowledge and wish to include the number of learning hours that you have spent on this work, complete section 6 below and then include your answers in the EDTNA/ERCA Professional Portfolio that is available free to members from EDTNA/ERCA Head Office (translated into nine languages). See the following EDTNA/ERCA journal for further details

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One way we have to advance the science and practice of nursing is to develop knowledge. To improve the quality of life in persons we care for, means we are committed to developing knowledge relevant to adequate and competent daily practice. Research is the keyword. Research is at the same time a tool, a process and a result. Finding nursing research articles, and in this case, nephrology nursing research papers has not been an easy task but nevertheless, the Education Board has found some interesting articles, websites and related links.

1. Publishing Educational Research: Guidelines and Tips:

As nurses, we feel, many times that we have a word to say in several issues because we were there, we spend a great amount of time with renal patients and their families, we help them solving some daily problems, etc., etc…In fact we, usually have, an accurate perception of the situations but how to make them visible and known? Most part of our problems, related to that are: How should I write a paper or abstract or a thesis? So, the following site can help you enormously.
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- Introduction & Acknowledgements
- Chapter 1 - Writing for Publication
- Chapter 2 - Manuscript Review and Decision Process
- Chapter 3 - Criteria for Judging Manuscripts
- Chapter 4 - Ethics & Etiquette
- Chapter 5 - Ideas and Support for Junior Faculty
- Chapter 6 - Ideas and Support for Graduate Students
- Chapter 7 - Participating in the Culture of Publishing
- Chapter 8 - Choosing a Journal
- Chapter 9 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- Bibliography - References & Additional Resources

You can also find some interesting articles and links at the British Medical Journal, using these words (BMJ) with search engines such Google or Yahoo. You will need to register and to create your own password but to see the articles or abstracts it is free. The following are some examples.

**Nursing Research:** Theory and Practice; Unifying Nursing Practice and Theory
Louise Tamblin
BMJ 1995; 311: 338. [Full text]

[http://www.bmn.com/](http://www.bmn.com/) - BioMedNet is also a good Web page. You need to register and to create your own password. Try to search with the words ‘renal nursing research’.

2. Literature search

PubMed - This is an important Web Page. It has several interesting abstracts under the search words RENAL NURSING RESEARCH or NEPHROLOGY NURSING RESEARCH. All the abstracts have: related articles and links


This link is also related with Pub Med and you can go through it and find free Journal complete texts as the following:

**Use of consensus development to establish national research priorities in critical care**
This article belongs to ICN and states the importance of Nursing Research as a tool for improving quality of care.

3. EDTNA/ERCA Collaborative Research Projects:
http://www.edtna-erca.org/articles_main.asp?type=2&status=1

4. Journals
   - EDTNA/ERCA Journal: http://www.edtna-erca.org/articles_main.asp?type=6&status=1
   - Nephrology Nursing Journal http://www.nephrologynursing.net/
   - CANNT Journal http://www.cannt.ca/cannt_journal.htm

5. Books
   - ANNA publications: http://anna.inurse.com/pubs/
   - De KETELE, Jean-Marie; ROEGIERS, Xavier - Méthodologie du recueil d'informations: fondements des méthodes d'observation, de questionnaires, d'interviews et d'études de documents. 2 Ed.. Bruxelles: De Boeck-Université, 1993
   - EDTNA/ERCA publications and review of important books: http://www.edtna-erca.org/books_results.asp?status=1
   - STREUBERT, Helen J; CARPENTER, Dona R – Qualitative research in Nursing – Advancing the humanistic imperative. 2. Edition, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Inc. USA, 1999

6 - Evaluation and reflection
Review questions

1. State 2 positive effects of using nephrology nursing research in the quality of nursing care in your daily practice.
2. Discuss the advantages and limitations of using a questionnaire or an interview as a research tool to collect data.
3. Identify, with your team, the most relevant research nephrology nursing problem, which in your opinion could be studied in the future.

Reflection

- How many learning hours have you spent on reading and reviewing the websites/articles/abstracts?
- Which was the most useful article/abstract that you reviewed, and why?
- How does this most useful article/abstract relate to your work and how has it or will it inform and influence your practice?
- Is there any further learning that you have identified that you may do related to this topic?

We hope that you have enjoyed the seventh of our on-line educational programmes. Please address any queries or questions to Head Office. I would like to thank André Stragier, the EDTNA/ERCA Communication and Publication Relations Officer for his invaluable help and support in searching the internet for appropriate websites and articles. The next topic will be published on the Homepage in July 2003.

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