

# The perceptions of religiousness in relation to nursing practice

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## Background

Nursing practice is combined increasingly of the perceptions of religiousness. A lot of theoretical and empirical literature addresses religiousness as it relates to nursing practice, yet there is little consensus about what religiousness nursing care entails. The aim of this study is to enhance the perceptions of religiousness in relation to nursing practice.

## Methodology

The literature review was based on the search of published research, systematic reviews in international (Pubmed, Cinahl,) and Greek foundations (Iatronet) electronic data, which referred to the perceptions of religiousness in relation to nursing practice during the period 2012-2016. Since the electronic search were selected 15 articles, which fulfill the of the aim of literature review. Key-words which used were culture, nursing practice, perceptions of religiousness, religiousness.

## Results

A brief review indicates that the perceptions of religiousness have been related to nursing care by three areas:

- the religious approach,
- the scientific approach, and
- the existential approach.



## Conclusions

The perceptions of religiousness enhanced nursing practice as an altruistic, interpersonal and integrative expression that reflects the patient's reality, who ask for an upper support in difficult circumstances.