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Descriptive Study on Protein Energy Malnutrition among Mothers

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Abstract

A study was conducted to assess the knowledge of mothers of under five children regarding protein energy malnutrition. The sample of this study comprised of 40 mothers. Convenience sampling technique was used to draw the sample for the study. Collected data was analyzed by using descriptive and inferential statistics. In present study the mothers mean value on types of protein energy malnutrition is 0.40 with the mean percentage of 40%. The mean value for the clinical features of protein energy malnutrition is 0.20 with the mean percentage of 20%. The mean value for the management of protein energy malnutrition is 0.29 with the mean percentage of 29%.

Keywords: Protein Energy Malnutrition; Under Five Children; Knowledge.

Introduction

World's greatest resource for healthy lives is the children of today. Today's children's are tomorrow's citizens and leaders. The resources spend on the care, un keep and health of the young ones from investment for the future. The most glaring nutritional disorder in India is protein energy malnutrition. One in every three malnourished children is the world lives in India. Malnutrition refers to the situation where there is an unbalanced diet in which some nutrients are in excess, lacking or wrong proportion. The World Bank estimates that India is one of the highest ranking countries in the world for number of children suffering from malnutrition.

Describing malnutrition as India's silent emergency, the World Bank report says that the rate of malnutrition cases among children in India is almost 5 times more than in China. One of the major causes for malnutrition in India is gender inequality. Due to low social status of Indian women, their diet often lacks in both quality and quantity. In India, mothers generally lack proper knowledge in feeding children.¹ In India around 46% of all children below

the age of 3 are too small for their age, 47% are underweight and at least 16% are wasted. Many of these children are very severely malnourished. 1.3 million Children die every year in India because of malnutrition. In a shocking revelation, a government report suggests that around 48% children of the country under age of 5yrs have stunted growth, indicating that half of the children are chronically malnourished in India.

According to the records of children in India 2012, a statistical appraisal by union ministry of statistics and programme implementation, acute malnutrition as evidenced by wasting results in a child being too then for his/her weight. While 19.8% of children under 5yrs of age are wasted in the country, which indicates that one out of every 5 children in India is wasted. 43% children under 5yrs of age are under weight for their age [2]. A case controlled study was conducted in a rural area in Tamilnadu, India. 34 cases and 34 controls were selected by using local hospitals list of young children. The result s suggested that the gender of the child and socioeconomic factors were stronger risk factors of mal nutrition. In view of above consideration the researcher felt that the need to do the study among mothers regarding protein energy malnutrition [3].

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Statement of the Problem

A study to assess the knowledge of mothers of under five children's regarding protein energy malnutrition in selected area Jeolikote, Uttarakhand.

Objectives of the Study

1. Assess the knowledge of mothers regarding malnutrition.
2. Explore the association of knowledge score of mothers regarding malnutrition with selected demographic variables.

Materials and Methods

The investigator has selected descriptive research design. The setting for the study is rural community area, Jeolikote, Nainital. The sample for the present study includes mothers of under five children who are residing in community area, Jeolikote. The convenience sampling technique is a type of non-probability sampling was found appropriate for the study. The population of the present study comprised of 40 mothers.

Tool for Data Collection

In the present study the tool consists of 2 parts.

Part-I: Demographic data.

Part-II: Comprises of questionnaire regarding protein energy malnutrition.

Method of Data Collection

Investigator collected data after gathering permission from PHC, Jeolikote, Nainital and approval was obtained to conduct the study. The participants were informed about the purpose of the study and written consent was taken from the participants. The tool was distributed to the participants. On an average each participants took 15-20mts to fill the data. The data was collected in the month of March 2014. The respondents were co-operative and the investigator did not face any significant problem.

Analysis and Interpretation

The data was collected from mothers analyzed and interpreted by descriptive and inferential statistics. Analysis was done on the objectives of the study. The level of significance was set at 0.05 levels.

Table 1: Demographic variables of the respondents

N= 40

S.No	Variables	category	Frequency	Percentage
1	Age in years	20-25	12	30.00
		25-30	17	42.50
		30-35	11	27.50
2	Education	Primary school	02	05.00
		High school	04	10.00
		Intermediate	13	32.5
		Degree & above	21	52.5
3	Occupation	Employed	04	10.00
		House wife	36	90.00
4	Family income	Rs. 2000-3000	10	25.00
		Rs 3000-4000	-	-
		Rs 4000-5000	10	25.00
		Rs 5000& above	20	50.00
5	Socio economic status	Low	20	50.00
		Middle	20	50.00
6	Types of family	Joint	22	55.00
		Nuclear	18	45.00
7	Exposure of information about PEM	Yes	02	05.00
		No	38	95.00
8	If, yes source of information	News paper	-	-
		Health personnel	02	05.00

Table 1 represents the data on the percentage distribution of the variables included in the study. Majority of the respondents 42.5% was in the age group between 25-30 years and only 27.5% were in the age group between 30-35 years. With regard to the literacy 52.5% had completed degree while only 5%, had completed primary school. The data on occupation revealed that 90% were housewives and

10%, were employed as daily laborers. Regarding the respondents family income majority 50%, had family income above 5000 and a 25%, had an income between 2000-3000 per month, this corresponds to the subjects low socio economic status 50%. This corresponds to the samples low socio economic status (50%). Regarding the type of family 55% were living in joint family and 45% were nuclear family. The

data on source of information revealed that majority 95% did not receive information on protein energy malnutrition.

Tables 2 indicate the overall mean and mean percentage of aspects on protein energy malnutrition. The mean score of mothers on types of protein energy malnutrition is 0.40 and 40% is the mean percentage. The clinical features mean value is 0.20 and mean percentage is 20%. The management of mothers mean

score is 0.29 and mean percentage is 29%.

Table 3 indicates the association between variables and knowledge scores of mothers regarding protein energy malnutrition. The analysis revealed that there is a significant association between education, occupation and remaining variables such as age, family income, and type of family were not found to be significant.

Table 2: Mean and mean percentage of aspects on protein energy malnutrition.

N=40

Aspects of protein energy mal nutrition	Mean value	Mean percentage
Types	0.40	40%
Clinical features	0.20	20%
Management	0.29	29%

Table 3: Association between knowledge scores of mothers regarding protein energy malnutrition and selected demographic variables

Variables	Calculated value
Age	1.54*
Education	23**
Occupation	25.6**
Family income	4.99*
Types of family	0.4*

*Non significant, ** Significant at $p < 0.05$ level.

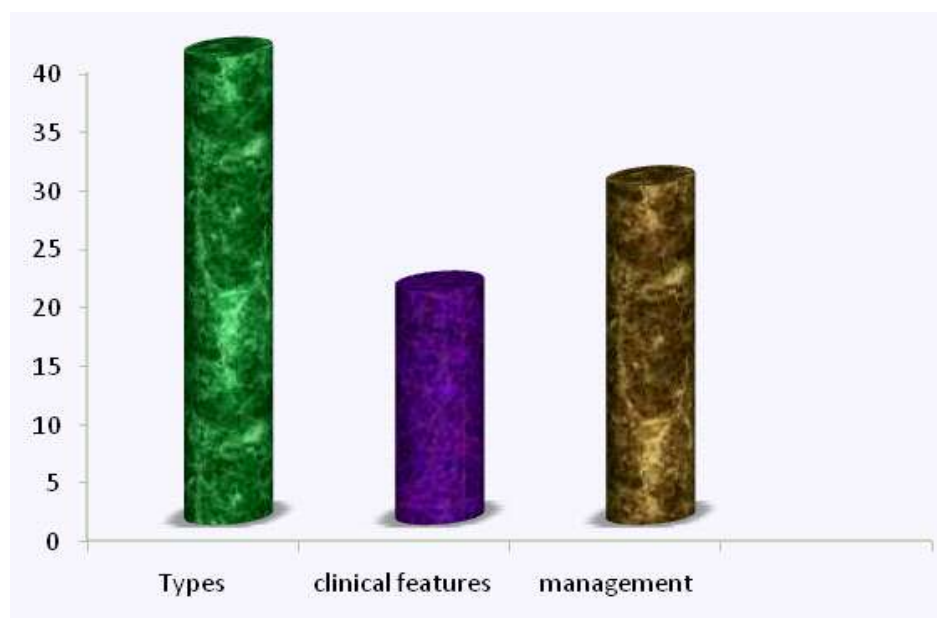


Fig. 1: Shows mean and mean percentage of aspects on protein energy malnutrition.

Discussion

The findings are discussed corresponding to the objectives of the study.

Demographic Characteristics of the Respondents
Majority of the respondents belonged to the age group

of 25-30 years (42.5%). Majority of the respondents had 21 (52.5%) completed degree. The data revealed 36(90%) were house wives. It was revealed that 20 (50%) had above 5000 monthly income. It was revealed that 20(50%) were low socio economic status. Out 40 samples majority 22(55%) of them were living in joint family. Out 40 samples 38(95%) were not received information. The data reveals 2(5%)

received information through health personnel.

Assess the Knowledge of Mothers Regarding Malnutrition

In present study the mothers mean value on types of protein energy malnutrition is 0.40 with the mean percentage of 40%. The mean value for the clinical features of protein energy malnutrition is 0.20 with the mean percentage of 20%. The mean value for the management of protein energy malnutrition is 0.29 with the mean percentage of 29%. It indicates the mothers' knowledge regarding protein energy malnutrition. Similar studies were found to assess the mother's knowledge regarding protein energy malnutrition by national child and mother nutritional survey. The results of the study revealed only 30.9% of mothers have adequate knowledge regarding protein energy malnutrition [4].

Explore the Association of Knowledge Scores of Mothers Regarding Protein Energy Malnutrition with Selected Demographic Variables among Mothers

An association of selected demographic variables in relation to their knowledge was studied using chi-square test. The analysis revealed that there is a significant association between education and occupation and remaining variables were found to be non significant.

Conclusion

In India 1.3 million die every year due to protein

energy malnutrition. One in every 3 malnourished children in the world lives in India. This study reveals women residing in community area have lack of knowledge in types, clinical features and management of protein energy malnutrition. Since, increased awareness early diagnosis will be the effective to save the life of the children's. Nursing professionals together with their counterparts must organize awareness and screening programmes among vulnerable groups of women's of under five children regarding protein energy malnutrition.

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A Study to Assess the Effectiveness of Planned Teaching Program on Biomedical Waste Management among Staff Nurses

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Abstract

Background: Bio medical waste (BMW) collection and proper disposal has become a significant concern for both the medical and general community. Effective management of biomedical waste is not only a legal necessity but also a social responsibility. **Aims and Objectives:** The present experimental descriptive study was conducted to “a study to assess the effectiveness of planned teaching program on biomedical waste management among staff Nurses working in Dr. Vikhe Patil Memorial Hospital Ahmednagar”. The data were collected by using the self-prepared structured knowledge questionnaire. The results were analyzed and interpreted using descriptive, inferential statistics and Paired ‘t’ test. **Results:** Result revealed that Paired ‘t’ test of correlation analysis between pre test and post test scores shows that there is significant relationship ($t; 12.04$) which reveals positive relationship between variables. Hence it can be interpreted that the planned teaching programme on biomedical waste management is effective among staff nurses. Thus the stated null hypothesis (H_{02}) was rejected. **Conclusion:** It is essential to raise awareness on biomedical waste management and its impact on health; and develop health seeking behaviors among the patients and improve the quality of life.

Keywords: Bio Medical Waste; Knowledge; Staff Nurses.

Introduction

According to Bio-Medical Waste (management and handling) rules, 1998 of India, Bio Medical Waste (BMW) means any solid, fluid, or liquid waste including its containers and any intermediate product which is generated during the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals or in research activities pertaining thereto or in the production or testing of biological and includes ten categories for same [1].

Majority of waste (75-90%) produced by the healthcare providers is non-risk or general and it is estimated that the remaining (10-25%) of healthcare waste is regarded as hazardous the potential for creating a variety of health problems [2].

Rahman H, Ahmed N.S, Ullah S.M, 1999 Conducted study on hospital waste management finding revealed that the Waste is a change of form of

a particular item from one shape to another it is useful to the first user but with its transformation after use, some of its item may be useful to subsequent users. It subsequent utilization is harmful. It should be removed with such precautionary measure keeping it out of reach of others. But the trouble with throwaway society like ours is that there is no such a place as “away”. What we think we have is liable to come that back to us [3].

In 2002, the results of a WHO assessment conducted in 22 developing countries showed that the proportion of healthcare facilities that do not use proper waste disposal methods ranges from 18% to 64% [4].

A quasi-experimental study was conducted to examine the impact of structured program on prevention of occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens as well as the knowledge, behavior and incidence of needle stick injury among student nurses in a hospital in China. One hundred and six student nurses were selected for the study. The study findings suggested that use of gloves was rare while performing activities involving high risk of exposure to blood and body fluids. The experimental group reported a total of eighteen injuries whereas the control group reported thirty-two. 24% injuries

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occurred while giving injection. Most common source of sharp injury were IV needles (44%) and syringes (32%). The study concluded that structured training programme improved knowledge and behavior, and reduced incidence of needle stick injuries in students who received, in comparison to those students who did not received the training [5].

A descriptive survey was conducted to assess the knowledge of nursing personnel regarding biomedical waste management in a hospital at Delhi. Thirty nurses were selected randomly as samples. Structured questionnaires were administered for data collection. Study findings suggested that 56% nurses knew about treatment & disposal of waste. 70% knew about universal precaution and sharp disposal and 77% knew about waste categorization and segregation. Further 96.6% 22 nursing personal desired that hospital authority should do more regarding biomedical waste management [6].

An evaluatory study was conducted to assess the knowledge and practice of nurses in biomedical waste management before and after administration of information booklet in a large hospital at Delhi. Thirty-two nurses were selected as samples. Data was collected using structured questionnaire and observation checklist. The study findings revealed that only one nurse (3%) had received training on waste management where as others had not received any short-term program or special training on biomedical waste management. It was also observed that less than half of the staff nurses were aware of various risks and methods of treatment and disposal of biomedical waste. Hence it was concluded that nursing staff must have knowledge to perform their duties that should ensure safe handling, collection, storage, treatment and disposal of biomedical waste [7].

Material and Methods

This Experimental descriptive study was conducted among 50 staff nurses working in hospital in Dr. Vikhe Patil Memorial Hospital Ahmednagar. Before commencement of the study, ethical approval was obtained from the Institutional Ethical Committee, and official permission was received from the authority. Staff nurses who were registered with Diploma in Nursing, Staff nurses who are willing to participate in the study, Staff nurses present during the study were included in the study by using the non-probability; purposive sampling technique.

The purpose of the study was informed and explained to the participants and those who voluntarily agreed to participate in the study and gave an informed consent for the same were asked to fill the self-prepared structured knowledge questionnaire. Material used is self-prepared; and content validated structured knowledge questionnaire to collect the data. Structured knowledge questionnaires to measure the knowledge of staff nurses regarding Bio Medical waste management. The tool had a total of forty items. All the items were multiple-choice questions. Score values of one (1) were allotted to each correct response. The total knowledge score were forty. Knowledge scores were arbitrarily scored as good (28-40), Average (15-27) and poor (0-14). The respondents were asked to give relevant information in the space provided. The collected data was tabulated and analyzed using appropriate statistical methods like descriptive statistics (mean, SD and mean percentage) and inferential statistics (Chi-square test & Paired 't' test).

Results

Findings Related to Socio Demographic Data of Biomedical Waste Management

The highest percentage (94%) were in age group > (28), More than half (62%) of staff nurse are male and (38%) were female staff nurse, majority (76%) were having year of experience, highest percentage (76%) was having GNM registered staff nurse, Majority of staff nurses (46%) were Hindu, (38%) belongs to christen religion, Highest percentage (42%) of staff nurses working in other departments.

Assessment of Knowledge of Staff Nurse on Biomedical Waste Management Before Receiving Planned Teaching Programme

Result shows that highest percentage (86 %) had poor knowledge, (14%) had Average knowledge . it depicts that the knowledge of staff nurses on biomedical waste management was poor.

Assessment of Knowledge of Staff Nurse on Biomedical Waste Management after Receiving Planned Teaching Programme Result Shows

That highest percentage (100%) had good knowledge. It depicts that the planned teaching programme was effective among staff nurses on biomedical waste management.

Assessment of Mean, SD and Mean Percentage of Planned Teaching Programme Result

Shows that the highest mean score (34.94 ± 2.11) which is 87.35% of total score was obtained in the area of post test. The lowest mean score (11.46 ± 2.74) which is 28.65% of total score was obtained in the area of pre test. It interprets that the effectiveness of planned teaching programme on biomedical waste management among staff nurses was good.

Area Wise Assessment of Mean, SD and Mean Percentage of Pretest and Posttest of Planned Teaching Programme Result

Shows that the highest mean score (5.48 ± 6.25) which is 13.5% of total score was obtained in the area of 'Disposal'. However the other areas like introduction, segregation, and storage had mean percentage below 7.55%. The distribution of mean, SD and Mean percentage score of posttest of planned teaching programme on biomedical waste management among staff nurses working Dr. VikhePatil Memorial hospital Shows that the highest mean score (17.74 ± 17.11) which is 44.35% of total score was obtained in the area of 'Disposal'. However the other areas like introduction, segregation, and storage had mean percentage below 24.35%.

Assessment Between the Post Test of Staff Nurses with their Selected Demographic Variables

Result revealed that the Chi-square values were calculated to find the association between posttest and with their demographic variables of staff nurse working in Dr. Vikhe Patil Hospital Ahmednagar. Finding revealed that there was no significant association was found between the post test and the variables like year of experience, educational qualification, religion and area of working. However significant association was found between the post test and the variables like age and gender. Hence the stated null hypothesis (H_{01}) was rejected as there was significant association between the post test and their demographic variables.

Correlation Between Pretest and Posttest of Planned Teaching Programme on Biomedical Waste Management

Result revealed that the Paired 't' test of correlation analysis between pretest and post test scores shows that there is significant relationship ($t; 12.04$) which reveals positive relationship between variables. Hence it can be interpreted that the planned teaching programme on biomedical waste management is effective among staff nurses. Thus the stated null hypothesis (H_{02}) was rejected.

Discussion

Dr. Mohan D. Rama, Dr. Prasad M. Veera, Dr. Kumar Kanagaluru Sai(2012) conducted study on Impact of training on bio medical waste management- A study and analysis sample on 38 staff nurses, finding reveals that there is a significant improvement in the skill levels of the sample respondents after undergoing the training programme. The effectiveness of the training programme was also measured and rated by collecting the opinion of respondents. Questionnaire analysis showed that a large number of respondents gained knowledge on various aspects of bio medical waste management.⁸In present study finding revealed that the correlation between pretest and posttest of planned teaching programme on biomedical waste management result revealed that the Paired 't' test of correlation analysis between pretest and post test scores shows that there is significant relationship ($t; 12.04$) which reveals positive relationship between variables. Hence it can be interpreted that the planned teaching programme on biomedical waste management is effective among staff nurses. Thus the stated null hypothesis (H_{02}) was rejected.

Conclusion

The premier hospital is severely lacking in actions to dispose of its waste and uphold its statutory responsibilities. This is due to the lack of education, awareness and trained personnel to manage the waste in the hospital, as well as the paucity of the funds available to proper waste management system. The results of the study demonstrate the need for strict enforcement of legal provisions and a better environmental management system for the disposal of biomedical waste in hospitals as well as other healthcare establishments. A policy needs to be formulated based on 'reduce, recover, reuse and dispose'. The study concludes that healthcare waste management should go beyond data compilation, enforcement of regulations and acquisition of better equipment. It should be supported through appropriate education, training and the commitment of the healthcare staff, management and healthcare managers within an effective policy and legislative framework. From the analysis done on effectiveness of planned teaching program on biomedical waste management, it can be concluded that planned teaching program was effective in terms of improving the knowledge of staff nurses

regarding biomedical waste management.

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Abstract

Background and Objective: Pain is a ubiquitous experience for any individual; especially for a child. Distraction during painful procedures like venipuncture has been found to reduce child's response to pain during venipuncture. The study was conducted to assess the effect of Kaleidoscope as a distraction tool on pain in children during venipuncture. *Material and Methods:* The design used for the study was True Experimental post test only design. The study was conducted among children between 3-12 years admitted in the paediatric ward and attending paediatric outpatient unit of Jipmer, Puducherry. Hundred samples who fulfilled the inclusion criteria were assigned randomly to experimental and control group. Kaleidoscope was shown to child and the care giver in the experimental group before the procedure and its functioning was explained. Then the child was allowed to look through the kaleidoscope during the procedure and the pain assessment was done using FLACC pain scale. The child in the control group underwent venipuncture without having kaleidoscope as a distractor and the pain was assessed using FLACC Scale. *Results:* The comparison of pain scores between the groups showed that mean pain score in the experimental group and in the control group was 5.46 ± 1.581 and 6.36 ± 1.439 respectively and the differences between the groups were found to be statistically significant ($p < 0.01$). The study showed that pain was associated with the age of children undergoing venipuncture and not found to be associated with other variables. *Conclusion:* The study concluded that Kaleidoscope is effective as a distractor in reducing pain in children during venipuncture. This technique emphasizes the concept and importance of providing atraumatic care to children.

Keywords: Kaleidoscope; Distractor; Pain; Effect.

Introduction

Children are an important asset to any society as their health determines the future of the nation. They are usually referred to as an epitome of endless energy and are constantly on the move; exploring it with their exuberance and curiosity. Every relationship, adventure or an endeavor which they encounter in life has a lasting impact on the way they deal with their tomorrows.

Illness and hospitalization are a major source of stress to both child and parents. Varied factors influence child's reaction to hospitalization which includes family's previous medical experience, the developmental level, child's interaction with the caregiver, the severity of the illness, the complexity of the medical procedure.

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Pillitteri (2010) quoted that the concept of pain is altogether unique. For children, pain is not just a sensation that hurts them: it confuses them to the core as they may not be always able to anticipate it, understand its cause or cannot explain its presence. This in turn makes it difficult for them to explain why it will go off.

Chambers (2009) expressed that pain and discomfort are discernible during many medical procedures. Pain, when left untreated can lead on to acute repercussions in the form of increased release of chemicals and hormones in the body, hyperglycemia, and decreased pain threshold. The long term consequences of inappropriate management of procedural pain include cognitive deficits, disorders of learning, poor motor performances and attention deficit. The inadequate pain management of procedures that disrupts the integrity of body tissues could lead to an increase in child stress and diminished coping abilities. So the nursing action should be aimed at helping the child establish the pre stress psychological state so as to conserve the child's energy by maximizing existing coping mechanisms and mobilizing resources for

dealing with any stressful experience.

Recent advances in the field of pain management indicate that the use of the science of mind to divert the child's attention from painful stimuli in children has gained significant momentum. Various methods of distractions are being employed which includes guided imagery, books, video games, kaleidoscopes, music.

Cilebiuglou (2009) expressed that a kaleidoscope is a toy through which various shapes and colours observed when looked in with one eye while rotating it. It contains various coloured beads. As it is turned over the level of the eye, beads move and combine the appearances in the mirrors. Thus, various appealing designs are formed and observed as the light reflects between the mirrors of the kaleidoscope. When a kaleidoscope is turned, designs vary according to the movement of beads and the same design rarely occurs. Hence, in each turn, different designs strike children's interest.

In clinical postings the investigator has seen that children are exposed to painful procedures with little attempt to reduce the pain associated with it and has felt the need for an easily usable, child centered distractor to effectively reduce the level of pain experienced by the children. Considering all the above facts the investigator found that it is very essential to conduct this study to determine the effectiveness of kaleidoscope in reducing the level of pain in children undergoing venipuncture.

Material and Methods

A true experimental post test only design was used to collect the data in this study. The study was conducted in a tertiary care hospital. The study consisted of 100 participants, 50 in control and 50 in experimental group.

Inclusion Criteria

Included all children admitted to the pediatric ward and attending the pediatric outpatient department of Jipmer, aged between 3 and 12 years, whose parents were willing to give consent and who were conscious and mentally alert.

Exclusion Criteria

Was all children who were critically ill, visually impaired, have neurological impairment, actively convulsing during venipuncture and punctured twice

to get the access to vein.

Sampling

Sampling method for the study was simple random sampling technique using computer generated random numbers.

Instruments

The instrument consisted of 2 parts. Part one of the tool consisted of demographic and clinical characteristics. Part 2 is the FLACC pain assessment scale.

Data Collection Procedure

Ethical clearance was obtained from institution's ethics committee. Informed written consent obtained from parents of children (3-12 years) undergoing venipuncture. The samples were assigned to experimental and control group by using simple random sampling technique using 'computer generated' random numbers. All the venipuncture were carried out in the treatment room of the pediatric ward or the outpatient department. The investigator established a rapport with the child and the caregiver. In the experimental group; Kaleidoscope was shown to child and the caregiver in the experimental group before the procedure and its functioning was explained. The child operates the kaleidoscope and looks through it during the procedure. The investigator assists the child to hold the kaleidoscope. The images inside a kaleidoscope are based on the principle of multiple reflections of coloured objects on typically three mirrors set at 60 degree angle to each other. The child looks into one end and light entering from the other end creates colourful symmetrical patterns inside as one of the cylinders is rotated. The distraction via kaleidoscope began just before the phlebotomy and continued until the end of the phlebotomy. During venipuncture, pain assessment was done using observation method based on the FLACC scale. The child in the control group undergoes venipuncture without having kaleidoscope as a distractor and the pain was assessed using FLACC scale.

Ethical Considerations

The approval for the research proposal was obtained from Ethics Committee. Permission to carry out the study was obtained from the head of pediatric department. Informed written consent was obtained from caregivers of the children participating in the

study. Assurance was given to the subjects that the anonymity and confidentiality would be maintained.

Data Analysis

Descriptive statistics (frequency, mean and standard deviation) and inferential statistics (independent 't' test) were used in the study. The comparison of demographic and clinical variables between the groups was carried out with chi-square. The pain score was expressed as mean with standard deviation and the comparison of pain score between the groups was carried out using Independent student t test.

Results

- ❖ Highest percentage of children were between 3-6 years of age in both control (40%) and experimental group (64%). The proportion of male children who were included in the study was more than the number of female children. Experimental group had 52% male children and in the control group male children were about 60%.
- ❖ Majority of the children suffered from acute illness. Only 22 percent of children in experimental and 12 percent children in control group had chronic ailments. Hospitalisation was a novel experience for over 70 percentage children in both experimental and control groups.
- ❖ Majority of children (70% in the control group and 74% in experimental group) underwent venipuncture within few hours of being in the hospital. For nearly half the study subjects in both the groups, venipuncture was a new experience as 52% children in experimental group and 46% children in control group have not undergone venipuncture previously.
- ❖ Over 90% of the children in both groups had either of their parents present with them during venipuncture. Seventy six percent of venipuncture in experimental group and 78% venipuncture in the control group were carried out to collect blood and the rest were done to insert a cannula into the vein.
- ❖ The comparison of pain scores between the groups showed that the mean pain score in the experimental group and in the control group was 5.46 ± 1.581 and 6.36 ± 1.439 respectively and the differences between the experimental and control groups were found to be statistically significant ($p < 0.01$).
- ❖ The results of the study showed that pain was associated with the age of children undergoing venipuncture ($P < 0.01$).
- ❖ Pain was not found to be associated with other variables like gender, type of illness, history of previous hospitalizations, number of venipunctures in the current admission, number of days in the hospital, size of the needle and purpose of venipuncture.

Table 1: Distribution of study participants in relation to demographic and clinical characteristics in the experimental and control groups (N=100)

Sample characteristics	Experimental group (n=50)		Control group (n=50)		χ^2	P value
	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage		
Age						
3-6 years	32	64	20	40	6.29*	
6-9 years	11	22	15	30	df=2	.048
9-12 years	7	14	15	30		
Gender						
Male	27	52	30	60	.367	.343
Female	23	46	20	40	df=1	
Types of illness						
Acute	39	78	44	88	1.77	.143
Chronic	11	22	6	12	df=1	
History of previous hospitalization						
Yes	13	26	15	30	.198	.512
No	37	74	35	70	df=1	
Hospitalization						
OPD	37	74	35	70	1.41	.7
Admitted in hospital	13	2	15	4	df=1	.01

Previous venipuncture						
Nil	26	52	23	46	.414	.8
Once	18	36	21	42	df=2	13
Twice	6	12	6	12		
Presence of caregiver						
Father	13	26	14	28	1.77	.1
Mother	35	70	33	66	df=2	43
Others	2	4	3	6		
Size of the needle						
22 G	19	38	17	34	.174	.4
23 G	31	62	33	66	df=1	18
Purpose of venipuncture						
Blood collection	38	76	39	78	.056	.5
Insertion of cannula	12	24	11	22	df=1	00

*p<0.05

Table 2: Effect of kaleidoscope as a distractor on pain (N=100)

	Experimental group (n=50)		Control group (n=50)		't' value	'p' value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Pain score	5.46	1.58	6.36	1.44	t=2.977**	.004

**p<0.01

Table 3: Association of pain scores with variables in control group (N=50)

Variable	n	Mean	SD	F or 't' value	'p' value
Age					
3-6 years	32	6.90	1.20	F=15.544	.003**
6-9 years	11	6.09	.94		
9-12 years	7	4.28	1.11		
Gender					
Male	30	6.30	1.53	t=0.035	.722
Female	20	6.45	1.31		
Types of illness					
Acute	44	6.41	1.48	t=0.649	.52
Chronic	6	6.00	1.09		
History of previous hospitalization					
Yes	15	6.00	1.46	t=1.162	.251
No	35	6.51	1.42		
Hospitalization					
OPD	35	6.46	1.40	t=1.0	.402
Admitted in hospital	15	6.50	2.12		
Previous venipuncture in current admission					
Nil	23	6.22	1.563	F=2.865	.067
Once	21	6.81	1.08		
Twice	6	5.33	1.63		
Size of the needle					
22 G	17	5.94	1.39	t=1.495	.141
23 G	33	6.58	1.43		
Purpose of venipuncture					
Collecting blood	39	6.48	1.43	t=1.181	.243
Insertion of cannula	11	5.91	1.44		

*p<0.01

Table 4: Association of pain scores with variables in experimental group (N=50)

Variable	N	Mean	SD	't' or F value	P value
Age					
3-6 years	20	6.75	1.48	F=25.74	*.002
6-9 years	15	5.13	.74		
9-12 years	15	4.067	.80		
Gender					
Male	27	5.52	1.34	t=0.281	.782
Female	23	5.39	1.85		
Types of illness					
Acute	39	5.54	1.68	t=0.657	.514
Chronic	11	5.18	1.17		
History of previous hospitalization					
Yes	13	5.31	1.38	t=0.400	.691
No	37	5.51	1.66		
Hospitalization					
OPD	37	5.43	1.63	t=0.946	.426
Admitted in hospital	13	5.42	1.38		
Previous venipuncture in current admission					
Nil	26	5.0	1.38	F=2.509	.092
Once	18	5.89			
Twice	6	6.16			
Size of the needle					
22 G	19	5.58	1.42	t=1.495	.141
23 G	31	5.39	1.68		
Purpose of venipuncture					
Collecting blood	38	5.34	1.52	t=1.181	.243
Insertion of cannula	12	5.83	1.50		

*p<0.01

Discussion

The comparison of pain scores between the groups showed that the mean pain score in the experimental group and in the control group was 5.46 ± 1.581 and 6.36 ± 1.439 respectively and the differences between the experimental and control groups were found to be statistically significant ($p < 0.01$).

The above finding were supported by the following studies.

A study was conducted by Cilebiuglou, Kucukoglu and Tufeci on the effectiveness of kaleidoscope in relieving pain among 206 children undergoing venipuncture showed that there was significant difference in the level of pain experienced by children in the experimental and control group. The mean scores (3.14 ± 0.41) of the intervention group and the mean scores (3.80 ± 1.42) of the control group was statically significant ($t = 7.602$, $p < 0.001$).

A study (1994) was conducted in United States by Vessey and Mc gill to investigate the effectiveness of kaleidoscope a distraction technique in reducing a child's perceived pain and behavioral distress during an acute pain experience. Hundred children between the age groups of 3 years to 12 years were selected and assigned to experimental and control group by random sampling. The pain scores obtained in the experimental (6.4 ± 1.17) and the control groups (8.2 ± 1.35) were significantly different.

Canbulat, Inal and Sonmezer (2013) compared the effect of kaleidoscope with the control group which received standard care. The study conducted in Turkey consisted of 188 children between 7 and 11 years old who were randomly allotted to three groups. Pain was assessed using Wong-Baker FACES pain rating scale. The kaleidoscope group (3.10 ± 2.16) had lower pain levels than the control group (4.44 ± 3.64). Interestingly, the study result showed there was no significant difference in pain

levels of children of different age and gender. But children who were previously exposed to venipuncture had more tolerance to the pain producing stimuli than those who were not previously exposed to it.

Carlson, Broome and Vessey (2000) compared the use of a kaleidoscope for distraction with standard care. The study was done in New Mexico with a two-group randomized design and studied 384 children in 13 children's hospitals. FACES pain rating scale was used to assess the pain level of children. Significant differences in pain were noted between the group using the kaleidoscope and the control group. The study concluded that using a kaleidoscope produce positive results on children undergoing venipuncture as the instrument produces varied patterns of images and hence the novelty of it never wears off.

Pourmovahed et al assessed the relation between pain and age in children between 3-12 years old found that the mean score of pain severity in the children of 10-12 years (4.6 ± 0.8) old was lower than those of 6 to 9 years old (5.2 ± 1.3). 6-9 year old children had a lower pain score when compared to children between 3-6 years (6.4 ± 1.2)

Conclusion

Distraction is an effective method of managing pain in children during venipuncture. Kaleidoscope is effective as a distractor in reducing pain in children during venipuncture. This emphasizes the concept and importance of providing a traumatic care to children. Providing the child with kaleidoscope is a low cost intervention that can be effectively used in children. Distracting child with kaleidoscope can help to ease pain and discomfort in children.

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Essential Nursing Competencies and its Learning Activities

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Abstract

The Emergency Department is the dedicated area in a hospital that is organised and administered to provide a high standard of emergency care to those in the community who perceive the need for or are in need of acute or urgent care including hospital admission. General medicine provides acute medical services for adults of all ages across a wide range of specialties including e.g., sickle cell disease, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, rheumatology, respiratory, neurology, blood disorders, Gastrointestinal disorders etc. The competencies emphasize the unique aspects of practice for the nurse practitioner in emergency care and the needs of the patients served-individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan. The domains of competencies like Management of Patient Health/Illness Status, Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Trauma care, and others like admission and transfer procedure etc are intended to supplement the core competencies for all nurse practitioners as well as population-focused nurse practitioner competencies, while providing a model for entry-level practice in emergency care. The domains of competencies in Medicine ward like personal care, patient assessment, medication administration, documentation, intravenous therapy, nutrition, working environment, safety of the environment can be intended to provide core competencies in general medicine ward. Presently, competency can be achieved through various pathways including a combination of successful academic course completion, continuing education course completion (e.g., advanced ECG interpretation), and on-the-job instruction (e.g., minor procedures, suturing). In the near future, advanced practice nurses will be afforded additional credentialing opportunities through which they can demonstrate their competency in a specialty area.

Keywords: Rheumatology; ECG; Intravenous Therapy; Hypertension.

Introduction

Competency focuses on one's actual performance in a situation. This means that competence is required before one can expect to achieve competency. Thus, competence makes one capable of fulfilling his/her job responsibilities. Competency is determined by comparing current work functioning with established performance standards developed in the work environment according to a specific role and setting. Competency is more than knowledge. It includes the understanding of knowledge, clinical, technical, and communication skills, and the ability

to problem solve through the use of clinical judgment. Competence is the ability to perform a specific task, action or function successfully. By achieving competence and competency, one can expand his/her range of nursing skills and provide patients with confident care.

Essential Core competency is vital to the nursing profession. Such helps guarantee the high quality and effectiveness of delivered care and maintains the social value and status of the nursing profession. The core competency profile for the nursing profession embraces basic behavioral attributes as well as mastery of advanced practice skills. Education and healthcare systems should work closely together to promote the professional competence of nurses and to strengthen the value of the nursing profession.

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Body of Content

Nursing competency is basic nursing performance requirement in a clinical setting and describes the capacity to integrate and apply skill, knowledge, and

decision for a particular nursing task. Furthermore, it is possible to make actual observations of nursing competency, as it is a behavior that exhibits high performance results.

The improvement of nursing competency has an influence on the job satisfaction of nurses as well as qualitative patient care. Consequently, it is necessary to precisely confirm the nature of nursing competency to elicit successful nursing results and raise the nursing performance expectations of the hospital and the units.

In a hospital the Emergency Department is the dedicated area that is organised and administered to provide a high standard of Emergency care to those in the community who perceive the need for or are in

need of acute or urgent care including hospital admission. A *medicine* ward in which patients are being treated by drugs rather than surgery. General medicine provides acute medical services for adults of all ages across a wide range of specialties including e.g. sickle cell disease, HIV/AIDS, infectious diseases, rheumatology, respiratory, neurology, blood disorders, Gastrointestinal disorders etc. The general medicine outpatient team work on both sites providing care to patients with a range of conditions including hypertension, stroke prevention and falls whilst also covering general medicine. Admissions from A&E generally are transferred to general medicine wards.

A Registered Nurse is able to provide safe and

Area	Competencies	Learning experience/ activities
A.	Management of Patient Health/Illness Status	
Causality	1. Triage of the patient	✍ Assessment skills as per priority based
	2. Quick assessment	✍ Assessment of ABC and others
	3. Quick and necessary history collection	✍ Skill of history collection
	4. Response to the rapidly changing physiological status	✍ Evaluating changing vital signs and its interpretation
	5. Assist in legal procedure	✍ Skills in proper documentation
	6. Recognizes, collects, and preserves evidence as indicated	✍ Skills in recognizing legal point of view about the evidences
	7. Interprets diagnostic tests, electrocardiograms, radiograph	✍ Skills in interpretation diagnostic tests, electrocardiograms, radiograph
	8. Identify response to therapeutic intervention	✍ Identifying the sign of improvement or deterioration
	9. Accurate documentation	✍ Skills in systematic recording and reporting
	B.	
	Airway, Breathing, Circulation	
	1. Skilled in CPR	✍ Skills in initiating and perform CPR
	2. Maintenance of airway, assist in endotracheal intubation	✍ Skills in applying airway, keeping ready intubation tray, assisting in intubation
	3. Oxygen administration	✍ Skills in administration of oxygen via various method
	4. Nebulization	✍ Proper Nebulization techniques
	5. Collecting ABG by direct puncture	✍ Skills in collecting ABG with all precautions
	6. Interpret ABG analysis and SPO2	✍ Identify any changes in ABG analysis report or deviation in SPO2
	7. Expertise in Intra venous cannulation	✍ Skilled in insertion of IV cannulation and administering fluid
C.	Skin and Wound Care Procedures	
	1. Performs skin closures	✍ Skills in suturing of skin closure
	2. Debridement of wound	✍ Identifying the need of debridement and able to perform it in emergency
	3. Dressing	✍ Able to carry out dressing as per the type of wound
	4. First aid for external bleeding	✍ Able to identify signs of external bleeding able to give first aid for various types of external bleeding
	5. Bandaging	✍ Skills in applying types of bandaging as per the need of the patient
D.	Trauma care	
	1. Quick GCS assessment	✍ Assess the GCS quickly and able to interpret the findings

	2.	Able to apply traction and splint	✍	Skills in assisting in application of traction and skills in applying splint
	3.	Bivalves/removes casts.	✍	Skills in assisting in removal of casts and keeping ready articles for it.
	4.	Measures compartment pressure.	✍	Identify the signs and symptoms of Compartment pressure and able to carry out measures of it.
E.	Others			
	1.	Removes foreign bodies	✍	Skills in identifying the foreign body and able to remove it with appropriate measures
	2.	Handling relatives	✍	Able to handle with furious relatives with proper counselling and communication
	3.	Counselling relatives and patient in grief	✍	Able to perform proper counselling and managing relatives in death of patient
	4.	Assisting in various invasive procedures (e.g. Lumbar puncture, thoracentesis etc)	✍	Skills in assisting in various invasive procedure and able to prepare the trays as per the procedure
	5.	Admission and transfers	✍	Proper record keeping for admission procedure and able to identify the need of transfer and able to carry out the transfer procedure
Area	Competencies		Learning activities/Experiences	
Medicine ward	1.	Personal Cares	Skilled in various personal hygiene care like sponge bath, assisted bath, hair care, eye care etc	
	2.	Patient Assessment		
		♦ Head to toe examination	♦	Skills in steps of physical assessment of the various system
		♦ Neurological assessment	♦	Skills in GCS assessment and other neurological assessment
		♦ Respiratory rate monitoring	♦	Skill in respiratory and pulse monitoring along with other associated sign and symptoms
		♦ Pulse rate monitoring	♦	Skill in checking BP with various instruments or methods
		♦ Blood pressure monitoring	♦	Skill in attaching and monitoring SPO2
		♦ SPO2 monitoring	♦	Skill full in identifying early warning signs
		♦ Early Warning Score	♦	Skill in taking height and weight
		♦ Height & weight	♦	Skill in monitoring blood glucose with the help of glucometer
		♦ Blood glucose monitoring	♦	Assessment of pressure area and risk of bed sore development
		♦ Pressure area risk	♦	Identifying fall risks and taking necessary measures to prevent fall
		♦ Falls risk	♦	Skills in administering drugs in various route of drug administration
		♦ Medication administration	♦	
		♦ Documentation	♦	
		♦ Admission, transfer and discharge.	♦	Able to admit, discharge and transfer of the patient with proper channel and able to enter in the register
		Fluid balance other records	♦	Maintaining intake and output chart with proper calculation and maintaining proper records for various actions taken for patient care
	5.	Intravenous Therapy		
		♦ Care of peripheral IV line	♦	Able to assess the condition of peripheral cannula able to take care of it.
		♦ Removal of peripheral IV line	♦	Assess the need of removal of cannula able to take care after removal
		♦ Phlebitis score	♦	Assess the phlebitis signs and symptoms able to score it
	6.	Nutrition		
		♦ NGT insertion, feeding, removal	♦	Skills in inserting the ryle's tube, feeding skills and able to remove it properly with out any adverse effect.
		♦ Enteral feeding	♦	Skills in Enteral feeding
		♦ Altered swallowing	♦	Able to assess and feed in other mean for the patient who needs assistant.
	2.	Working Environment		
		♦ Isolation procedure	♦	Identify the patient who needs isolation and able to carry out isolation precautions.
		♦ Forming therapeutic relationship	♦	Skills in improving communication and maintaining IPR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Confidentiality ♦ Working within a team | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Able to maintain confidentiality of the findings and patient disease condition ♦ Maintaining good IPR with all the health care team to achieve health goal of the patient. |
| 7. Safety of the environment | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Suction set up ♦ Bed making ♦ Resuscitation trolley checks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Able to assess the functioning of the suction apparatus ♦ Skills in making bed as per the need of the patient ♦ Checking all the articles in the trolley for its working condition and its adequacy |

effective care for patients, considered to have three components, educational outcomes (or knowledge) psychomotor skills and attitude/behaviours among Registered nurses.

The competencies emphasize the unique aspects of practice for the nurse practitioner in emergency care and medicine ward and the needs of the patients served – individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan.

The following competencies are intended to supplement the core competencies for all nurse practitioners as well as population-focused nurse practitioner competencies, while providing a model for entry-level practice in emergency care and the medicine ward.

Conclusion

The registered nurse has vast body of knowledge relating to acute and chronic illness and injury as well as simple and complex skills. These competencies emphasize the unique aspects of practice for the nurse practitioner in emergency care and the needs of the patients served – individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan.

Presently, competency can be achieved through various pathways including a combination of successful academic course completion, continuing education course completion (e.g., advanced ECG interpretation), and on-the-job instruction (e.g., minor procedures, suturing).

In the near future, advanced practice nurses will be afforded additional credentialing opportunities through which they can demonstrate their

competency in a specialty area.

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Abstract

Apotemnophilia, also known as body integrity identity disorder or amputee identity disorder, is most likely a neurologic disorder in which a person has the overwhelming desire to amputate healthy parts of their body. In extreme cases, sufferers amputate their own limbs or ask others to do this for them. Because few surgeons are willing to amputate healthy limbs, patients often attempt to irrevocably damage the limb in question themselves, necessitating formal amputation. After amputation, most report to being happy with their decision. Apotemnophilia is thought to be related to right parietal lobe damage, as the disorder has features in common with somatoparaphrenia, a type of monothematic delusion secondary to parietal lobe injury where the afflicted person denies ownership of a limb or an entire side of one's body. The major problem in providing treatment is that most people with apotemnophilia do not seek professional treatment for their condition. Cognitive behavioral and aversion therapies have been tried.

Keywords: Apotemnophilia; Amputation; Parietal Lobe Injury.

Introduction

Apotemnophilia or body integrity image disorder. In this disorder, otherwise sane and rational individuals express a strong and specific desire for the amputation of a healthy limb or limbs. Most date this desire to their childhood and not uncommonly the sufferer will attempt to obtain amputation of the specific limb. As few surgeons are willing to amputate healthy limbs, this often means that the patient themselves will attempt to irrevocably damage the limb in question, thus necessitating formal amputation. After amputation most report to being happy with their decision and often state, paradoxically, that they are 'complete' at last. The disorder has long been regarded as being purely psychological in origin. It has been argued that it might be a 'cry for attention' or a sexual paraphilia although why it should take this particular form is not clear. Others have proposed that seeing an amputee at a young age has caused this to be somehow 'imprinted' onto the sufferer's psyche as the 'ideal body image'. Bizarrely, it has even been suggested that the supposed phallic resemblance of

an amputee's stump is the underlying motivator.

Types

Bruno has identified three groups within the larger community of people obsessed with amputation:

- ❖ “*Pretenders*” use wheelchairs, crutches and other devices to make people think they are disabled.
- ❖ “*Devotees*” are sexually attracted to people with amputations and disabled people, and will often search for them on the Internet.
- ❖ “*Wannabes*,” who get the most attention, live for the removal of their healthy limbs.

John Money, a psychologist and sexuality expert at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, gave the disorder its name in 1977 and declared that people with the disorder have a sexual fetish centered on amputated limbs. Apotemnophilia has also been linked to obsessive-compulsive disorder and homosexuality.

Causes

- ♦ Psychologically based condition in which an individual has a fantasy of having a missing limb. Because of this fantasy, an individual may opt to have a voluntary amputation in order to achieve this ideal image of themselves. This idealized notion of having a missing limb is persistent and often times will preoccupy the

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individual seeking the amputation

- ♦ Right parietal lobe damage
- ♦ Abnormalities in the prefrontal cortex
- ♦ Congenital dysfunction of the right superior parietal lobule and its connection with the insula to form a coherent sense of body image

Management

Cognitive and behavior therapy to modified to change patterns of behavior and fetishes Aversion therapy Aversive conditioning to deviant sexual fantasies include training in social skills that may help maintain the deviant sexual arousal and behavioral patterns.

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