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An observational study on maintenance of case sheets in Narayana medical college hospital, Nellore

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Abstract

Introduction: The record serves as a vehicle to health professionals who interact with a client to communicate with each other. This prevents fragmentation repetition and delay in client care. It facilitates to receive reimbursement from the federal government, and usually admissible in court as evidence information from health records. It is useful for communication, planning client care, Auditing health agencies, Research, Education, Reimbursement, Legal documentation, and health care analysis

Methods: A Non-Experimental descriptive research was adopted for this study. The study was conducted in selected hospital, Nellore district. 100 samples were selected by using Simple random sampling technique by means of learning method. Observational checklist was used to observe maintenance of case sheets among staff Nurses.

Results: The study results shows that with regard to level of maintenance of case sheets, 70(70.0%) staff nurses were maintained case sheets Adequately, 25(25.0%) staff nurses were maintained case sheets Moderately and 5(05.0%) staff nurses were maintained case sheets Inadequately.

Conclusion: The study concluded that majority of staff nurses were maintained case sheets adequately

Keywords: observation, case sheets, Staff nurses

1. Introduction

Effective Communication among health professionals is the vital quality of client care, generally health personal communicates through discussion, reports, and records. Each health care organization has policies about recording, and reporting about data of client. Each nurse is accountable for practicing according to the standards. An American Nurses Association code of ethics states that nurses has a duty to maintain confidentiality of all patient information; the client record is also protected legally as a private record of client care.

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2. Objectives

- To assess the maintenance of case sheets in NMCH at Nellore.
- To associate the maintenance of case sheets and the selected demographic variables.

3. Materials and Methods: A Non-Experimental descriptive research was adopted for this study. The study was conducted in selected hospital, Nellore district. 100 samples were selected by using Simple random sampling technique by means of learning method. Observational checklist was used to observe maintenance of case sheets among staff Nurses.

3.1 Sample Size: 100 samples were selected by using simple random sampling technique by means of lottery method. Data were obtained by the following methods:

- A) Through questionnaire method by interviewing the samples for assessing their sociodemographic variables
- B) Observational checklist was used to observe maintenance of case sheets among staff Nurses.

3.2 Ethical Clearance: There was no drug administration or invasive procedure involved in the study. A written Permission was obtained from the institutional authority and ethical committee. Written informed consent was obtained

from samples who participated in the study and Confidentiality and anonymity of the subjects was maintained throughout the study⁴. (Rama Harika, A comparative study to evaluate the effectiveness of lateral position versus supine position on respiratory parameters among infants with respiratory problems, 2015)

4. Results Discussion

Table 1: Distribution of Demographic Variables of staff nurses and its association (N=100)

Sl. No	Demographic Variables	Adequate		Moderate		Inadequate		Chi Square
		NO	%	NO	%	NO	%	
1.	AGE							
	a) 21-23 Yrs	29	29.0%	27	29.0%	08	08.0%	$X^2=1.740$
	b) 24-26 Yrs	10	10.0%	11	11.0%	04	04.0%	df= 4NS
	c) 27-29 Yrs	04	04.0%	04	04.0%	03	03.0%	
	d) > 30 Yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2.	Sex							
	a) Male	08	08.0%	11	11.0%	02	02.0%	$X^2=1.362$
	b) Female							df= 2NS
3.	Education Qualification							
	a) GNM	08	08.0%	01	01.0%	03	03.0%	$X^2=6.950$
	b) Bsc (N)	34	34.0%	39	39.0%	11	11.0%	df= 4S
	c) P.B.Bsc (N)	01	01.0%	02	02.0%	01	01.0%	
	d) M.Sc (N)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4.	Experience							
	a) < 1 Yr	24	24.0%	23	23.0%	06	06.0%	$X^2= 1.720$
	b) 1-3 Yrs	16	16.0%	15	15.0%	08	08.0%	df= 4 S
	c) 4-5 Yrs	03	03.0%	04	04.0%	01	01.0%	
	d) > 5 Yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5.	Working Place							
	a) Medical Wards	08	08.0%	11	11.0%	4	04.0%	$X^2= 10.44$
	b) Surgical Wards	09	09.0%	13	13.0%	4	04.0%	df= 6 NS
	c) ICU'S	15	15.0%	07	07.0%	0	00.0%	
	d) Other Wards	11	11.0%	11	11.0%	7	07.0%	

Table no.1 Shows that in association with Age it reveals that $X^2=1.740$ df value is 4 hence there is no significant association between the age and maintenance of case sheets.

- In association with Sex, $X^2=1.362$ DF VALUE IS 2 hence there is no significant association between the Sex and maintenance of case sheets
- With regards to Educational Qualification $X^2=6.950$ df value is 4 Hence there is significant in association between education and maintenance of case sheets.
- In relation to Experience $X^2=1.720$ df value is 4, hence there is significant in association between experience and maintenance of case sheets.
- With regards to working place calculated value is $X^2=10.44$ and df value is 6 hence there is no significant association between the working place and maintenance of case sheets

Table 2: Level of Maintenance of case sheets by staff nurses (N=100)

S. No	Level of Maintenance of case sheets	Staff Nurses (N=100)	
		f	%
1.	Adequate	70	70.0%
2.	Moderate	25	25.0%
3.	Inadequate	5	05.0%
	Total	100	100

Table no.2 Shows that with regard to level of maintenance of case sheets, 70(70.0%)staff nurses were maintained case

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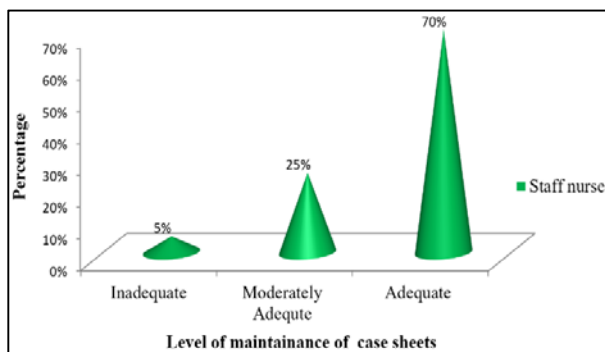


Fig 1: percentage distribution of staff nurses based on level of maintenance of case sheets

4.1 Major findings

- With regard to age 64(64.0%) staff nurses are between 21-23 Yrs
- With regard to sex 79 (79.0%) are female staff nurses.
- With regard to educational qualification 84(84.0%) are Bsc (N).
- With regard to experience 53(53.0%) < 1 Yr
- With regard to working place 29(29.0%) are other wards.

- with regard to level of maintenance of case sheets, 70(70.0%) staff nurses were maintained case sheets Adequately, 25(25.0%) staff nurses were maintained case sheets Moderately and 5(05.0%) staff nurses were maintained case sheets Inadequately.

5. Conclusion

The study concluded that majority of staff nurses were maintained case sheets adequately.

6. Recommendations

On the basis of the findings of the study, recommendations are:

- Frequent evaluation of the knowledge and skills with experts.
- Supervision of case sheets by the nursing supervisors.
- Study can be replicated in large sample that findings can be generalized.
- Educational programmes can be conducted like CNE and In-service education on maintenance of case sheets.
- The can be replicated on large scale of different hospitals to generalize the findings.
- An experimental study can be conducted with structured teaching programme on maintenance of case sheets.

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