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ABSTRACT

Background: Admission of patient to intensive care unit (ICU) is commonly associated with the presence of caregiver especially family members to stay with patient, probably staying in the ward most of the time. The presence of family members at the bedside in ICU could give different perception about nurses' self-performance during performing the procedure to their loved one.

Objectives: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the perception of nurses' self-performance towards the presence of family members during performing procedures in ICU.

Method: A cross-sectional study design was carried out whereby the questionnaires was distributed to 78 intensive care nurses ICU in Hospital Sungai Buloh over a period of one month. Content validation was determined for selected Likert scale questionnaire.

Result: The results of this study determine that most of the intensive care nurses in Hospital Sungai Buloh have low perceptions of self-performance towards the presence of family members during performing procedures. 60 respondents (76.9%) out of 78 respondents were having difficulty in allowing the presence of family members during performing procedures with most common barriers are interrupted care of patient, 67.9% (n=53), lack of confidence 28.2% (n=22) and lack of knowledge 15.4% (n=12). The results show there is no correlation between age and 15 items of the perceptions except for the item 1 and 3 with the p value 0.025 and 0.007 respectively. Even though there is correlation for the item 1 and 3 but it was a negative correlation which, the value of p were -0.254 and -0.303 respectively. The results also show that there is no significant relationship between nurses' perceptions and nurses' level of education (all p value >0.05). There is also no correlation between the years of working experience in ICU with the nurses' perception except for item 1 and 3 with the p value 0.029 and 0.018 respectively. Both items show the negative correlation as the p values were -0.247 and -0.267 respectively.

Conclusion: This study determined that Hospital Sungai Buloh ICU nurses have poor perceptions of self-performance towards the presence of family members. The study prove that there is no correlation between the perceptions of nurses' self-performance towards the presence of family members during performing procedures with age, periods of ICU working experience and the level of education. In addition, interrupted care of patient was selected as the main barrier that impedes the nurse to allow the presence of family members.

Key words: ICU, barrier, self-performance, perceptions