

## **Assessing and comparing the nursing students perception regarding quality of care they deliver to cancer patients and their own family members and close persons diagnosed with cancer**

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The belief that nursing students are now exposed to deal with cancer patients during their clinical training became a fact, due to the noticeably increasing numbers of cancer diagnosis annually. A baccalaureate program in nursing lacks courses that prepare students to deal with cancer patients. Currently, more expert nurses with specialized competencies and skills in dealing with cancer patients are needed. The majority of previous studies have traditionally focused on qualified RNs. Additionally, there is very limited information on the preparation of pre-registered nursing students, and almost nothing is known about their experiences in dealing with cancer patients during clinical training. Recently, there is a trend towards early exposure of students with cancer patients in UK under national recommendations. This study provides information about the perception of nursing students when dealing with cancer patients in their clinical training and quality of care they deliver and compares it to the perception of other students dealing with cancer patients who previously faced a situation where a family member or close person was diagnosed with cancer. Using personal interviews with a total of 20 students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> academic years of study, ten of them faced the situation of a family member or close person diagnosed with cancer while they were student nurses, the other 10 didn't. The findings and implications of this study were discussed to be included in the theory and clinical training curricula of nursing students.

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