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Effective Management of the nurse administrators of Geriatric Care Facility to creating an environment for collaborative practice

Currently, there are more than 10 million people over the age of 60 in 33 countries. The world population over the age of 60 is projected to grow to nearly 2 billion in the first half of the 21st century. In Japan, more than 26% of the population is 65 years or over, the needs of geriatric nursing have been increasing, the requirements in geriatric facilities are also changing. The geriatric care facilities (GCFs) should provide provision of care focused on the life of the users, and care is provided through multidisciplinary collaboration. Thus, it is expected that nurse administrators of GCFs should have specific roles and attitudinal attributes suited for the above characteristics different from those of medical facilities. However, very little research has focused on nurse administrators of GCFs in Japan. Therefore, we conducted a qualitative exploratory descriptive research to clarify effective management style of the nurse administrators of GCFs. Participants expressed their management style and describe the characteristics or attributes of it. Four descriptive themes: show a vision for promoting home nursing, divide work with respect for specialty, pursue care with respect for the elderly, create an ethical work environment, were categorised. Also they offered difference between that of GCFs and that of medical facilities, pointed out the issues that may hinder quality of care improvement in the geriatric care environment. The effective management of nurse administrators in GCFs has been clarified, in which included a viewpoint of the management different from that of the medical facilities.

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