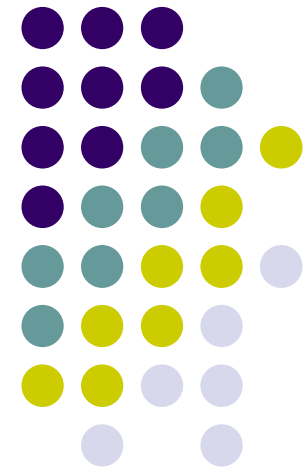


The Experiences of Nurses Caring for Cancer Patients on Non-Specialist Wards

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Background to Study



- Background and Significance:
 - current position
 - developments in nursing
 - Government policy



Aim and Objectives

Aim:

To uncover the experiences of nurses caring for patient with cancer on non-specialist wards

Objectives:

- To gain an understanding of what it is like to be a nurse caring for cancer patients on non-specialist wards.
- To explore the concerns of nurses caring for cancer patients on non-specialist wards
- To identify the clinical and educational needs of nurses to help in preparing them to care for patients with cancer and their families.



Methodology

- Qualitative study utilising Heideggerian phenomenology
- Purposive sampling methods
- 7 participants
- Unstructured one-to-one interviews
- Data analysed using Burnard's Analysis Framework (1991)

Themes



Emotional Nursing
Care



- Emotional Nature of Care
- Time
- Experience
- Providing Psychological Care

Nursing the Living,
Caring for the Dying



- Dealing with Diagnosis
- Caring for the Dying

Relationships



- Relationships with Cancer Patients
- Specialist Support
- Relationships with Medical Teams

Conclusion and Recommendations



- Participants faced daily challenges in meeting the educational and emotional needs of patients with cancer, from diagnosis to terminal illness and encountered difficulties building relationships with cancer patients, relatives and staff
- Implications for practice include:
 - nurse education
 - nursing management
 - nursing practice
- Opportunities for future research include:
 - larger, multi-centre study
 - experiences of newly qualified nurses

QUESTIONS

