

Title: Investigation on KAP of dysphagia management among geriatric nurses in SiChuan province

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Objective: To investigate the KAP about dysphagia management in the elderly among nurses of geriatric department and to analyze the influencing factors and existing problems, designed to provide reference for nursing managers to further knowledge training. Methods: A self-designed questionnaire about KAP of dysphagia management in the elderly was used to investigate 782 geriatric nurses in 17 hospitals in Sichuan Province which includes tertiary and secondary ones. Results: The average score of knowledge related to dysphagia of geriatric nurses was (55.30±0.61) (100), the average score of behavior (23.87±3.83) (30), and the average score of attitude (20.40±3.92) (25).Nurses of different ages, academic qualifications, professional titles, seniority, hospital type, and hospital grade had statistically significant differences in the scores of relevant knowledge (P<0.05). In terms of behavior and attitude scores, there were statistically significant differences in different hospital categories and in the time of last learning about swallowing disorders (P < 0.05).Conclusion: The behavior and attitude of geriatric nurses towards the management of swallowing disorders in the elderly are acceptable, but the level of relevant professional knowledge needs to be improved. Managers should carry out targeted knowledge training to improve the management level of swallowing disorders and ensure the safety of elderly patients with dysphagia.

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