Documentation Practice and Associated factors among Nurses Working in Jimma University Medical Center, Jimma Town, South West Ethiopia

Abstract

Nursing documentation is an essential component of nursing practice that has a potential to improve the patient care outcome. Poor documentation among nurses has been shown to have negative impacts on the health care quality. However; little has been explored about nursing documentation practice in the study area. The purpose of this study is to assess nursing documentation practice and associated factors among nurses working in Jimma university medical center.

Institution based cross sectional study design was employed. Data was collected using a structured self- administered questionnaire and nursing care standard checklist. Pre-taste was done among 10 % of sampled nurses working in shenen gibe Hospital. Simple random sampling technique was utilized. Data was entered into Epidata version 3.1 and then exported to SPSS version 21 for analysis. Descriptive statistics and binary logistic regression was done. A p-value of less than 0.05 was used to declare statistical significance.

The study result showed 48.6% good nursing documentation practice. Adequacy of documenting formats, time, supervisors' motivation, training and familiarity with operational standard of nursing documentation were significantly associated with practice of nursing care documentation.

In conclusion, nursing documentation practice was poor (51.4%) among nurses under the study. The institution need to create awareness and close monitoring and evaluation and nursing leaders should motivate the employees to enhance the practice of documentation and avail the necessary documenting materials.

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