

Emergency nurses' knowledge and competency in the provision of palliative care: A pilot study

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND: As everyone wish to die peacefully, promoting a peaceful death for end of life patients at emergency rooms is challenging for healthcare providers working in this department.

PURPOSE: This pilot study aimed to: 1) examine the level of knowledge and competency in the provision of palliative care and 2) examine the relationship between emergency nurses' competency in the provision of palliative care and selected factors.

METHODS: Participants of this study were 36 registered nurses working for at least one year in the emergency room at a university hospital in Bangkok. Instruments used in the study included: (1) the Demographic Data Form, (2) the Palliative Care Quiz for Nurse [PCQN], and (3) the Emergency Nurses' Competency in Providing Palliative Care [ENCPPC]. Descriptive statistics was used to analyze demographic data and the level of knowledge and competency in the provision of palliative care. Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient and Spearman were used to analyze the relationships between emergency nurses' competency in the provision of palliative care and selected factors.