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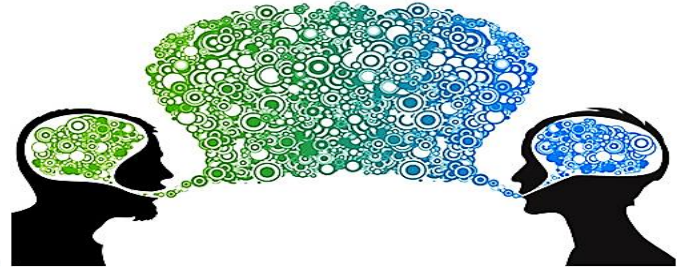
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Cultural and communicative competence in the caring relationship with patients from another culture

Background: The global and multicultural society of today creates challenges that require multicultural competence among individuals, especially within caring contexts.



Methodology:

This qualitative study uses a hermeneutical approach.

The material was collected through questionnaires with eight nurses and two adults from another culture.

The texts were analyzed through latent content analysis.

Results:

Human love is the basis for a caring relationship since it reaches beyond the limits of cultural differences.

Integrity is vital for cultural respect and especially for the consideration of spiritual needs in the caring relationship.

An affirming presence is essential for communion.

Creative courage is fundamental for communication and continuous information is vital for establishing trust within the caring relationship.

Aims:

To uncover an understanding of the caring community between nurses and patients when these do not speak the same language.

Questions:

What is the significance of communication in a caring community when nurses and patients do not speak the same language?

Conclusions:

Caring for a patient from another culture requires that nurses are open-minded and have the courage to encounter new challenges.

It is essential for nurses to respect the patient's integrity but also to acquire knowledge in order to improve their cultural competence.

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