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Gynaecology Oncology
Nurse Cancer Training OR Nurse Cancer Education
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Clinical Nurse Specialists

1. The Experiences of Specialist Nurses Working Within the Uro-oncology Multidisciplinary Team in the United Kingdom.
   **Author(s):** Punshon, Geoffrey; Endacott, Ruth; Aslett, Phillippa; Brocksom, Jane; Fleure, Louisa; Howdle, Felicity; Masterton, Morven; O'Connor, Anita; Swift, Adrian; Trevatt, Paul; Leary, Alison
   **Source:** Clinical nurse specialist CNS; ; vol. 31 (no. 4); p. 210-218
   **Publication Type(s):** Journal Article
   **PubMedID:** 28594672
   **Abstract:** PURPOSE: United Kingdom prostate cancer nursing care is provided by a variety of urology and uro-oncology nurses. The experience of working in multidisciplinary teams (MDT) was investigated in a national study. DESIGN: The study consisted of a national survey with descriptive statistics and thematic analysis. METHOD: A secondary analysis of a data subset from a UK whole population survey was undertaken (n = 285) of the specialist nursing workforce and the services they provide. Data were collected on the experience of working in the MDT. RESULTS: Forty-five percent of the respondents felt that they worked in a functional MDT, 12% felt that they worked in a dysfunctional MDT, and 3.5% found the MDT meeting intimidating. Furthermore, 34% of the nurses felt that they could constructively challenge all members of the MDT in meetings. Themes emerging from open-ended questions were lack of interest in nonmedical concerns by other team members, ability to constructively challenge decisions or views within the meeting, and little opportunity for patients' wishes to be expressed. CONCLUSIONS: Despite expertise and experience, nurses had a variable, often negative, experience of the MDT. It is necessary to ensure that all participants can contribute and are heard and valued. More emphasis should be given to patients' nonmedical needs.
   **Database:** Medline

   **Author(s):** Garcia, Mayra G; Watt, Jennifer L; Falder-Saeed, Karie; Lewis, Brennan; Patton, Lindsey
   **Source:** Clinical nurse specialist CNS; ; vol. 31 (no. 3); p. 163-168
   **Publication Type(s):** Journal Article
   **PubMedID:** 28383335
   **Abstract:** PURPOSE: Clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) have a unique advanced practice role. This article describes a process useful in establishing a comprehensive orientation and onboarding program for a newly hired CNS. DESCRIPTION: The project team used the National Association of Clinical Nurse...
Specialists core competencies as a guide to construct a process for effectively onboarding and orienting newly hired CNSs. Standardized documents were created for the orientation process including a competency checklist, needs assessment template, and professional evaluation goals. In addition, other documents were revised to streamline the orientation process. OUTCOME Standardizing the onboarding and orientation process has demonstrated favorable results. As of 2016, 3 CNSs have successfully been oriented and onboarded using the new process. CONCLUSION Unique healthcare roles require special focus when onboarding and orienting into a healthcare system. The use of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists core competencies guided the project in establishing a successful orientation and onboarding process for newly hired CNSs.

**Database:** Medline

3. Clinical Nurse Specialist-Driven Practice Change.

**Author(s):** Derby, Kelly M.; Hartung, Natalie A.; Wolf, Sherry L.; Zak, Heather L.; Evenson, Laura K.

**Source:** Clinical Nurse Specialist: The Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice; Nov 2017; vol. 31 (no. 6); p. 343-348

**Publication Date:** Nov 2017

**Publication Type(s):** Academic Journal

**Abstract:** Purpose The purpose of this project was to standardize vital sign (VS) monitoring throughout a patient’s stay in the hospital, including at admission, following transitions to different levels of care, reassessment of abnormal VS results, daily monitoring, and before dismissal. The population of focus was adult general and progressive care patients. Description of the Project Standards for VS monitoring, documentation, and provider notification were established. Unit routines, nursing procedural guidelines, and order sets were updated with the new standards. Nursing staff received Web-based education. Compliance with the new standards was monitored monthly, and data were shared with nursing leadership. Leadership reviewed the data with nursing staff to identify opportunities and recognize achievements. Outcomes Overall, improvement in VS documentation was achieved. Continued opportunities exist for monitoring and reassessment of a full set of VSs after an abnormal result. Conclusion Establishing a minimum standard of VS frequency and documentation allows for all healthcare providers to trend and monitor a patient’s clinical status. Variability in patient care can be diminished by establishing minimum standards of VS monitoring.

**Database:** CINAHL

4. Focus group interviews examining the contribution of intellectual disability clinical nurse specialists in Ireland.

**Author(s):** Doody, Owen; Slevin, Eamonn; Taggart, Laurence

**Source:** Journal of Clinical Nursing; Oct 2017; vol. 26 (no. 19/20); p. 2964-2975

**Publication Date:** Oct 2017

**Publication Type(s):** Academic Journal

**Abstract:** Aims and objectives To explore the contribution of clinical nurse specialists in intellectual disability nursing in Ireland. Background While clinical nurse specialists exist since the 1940s, they have only been a reality in Ireland since 2001. While the role of clinical nurse specialist has developed over the years, it still however is often seen as a complex multifaceted role that causes confusion, frustration and controversy. Design A exploratory qualitative approach using focus groups with Irish intellectual disability clinical nurse specialists (n = 31). Methods Five focus group
interviews were conducted to gather qualitative data to gain insight into the attitudes, perceptions and opinions of the participants. Data were audio-recorded, transcribed and analysed using Burnard’s (Vital Notes for Nurses: Research for Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare, 2011, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford) framework. Ethical approval was gained from the researcher’s university and access granted by the national council for the professional development of nursing/midwifery in Ireland. Results The study highlights that intellectual disability clinical nurse specialists contribute to and support care delivery across a range of areas including client-focused and family-centred care, staff support, organisation support, community support and supporting other agencies. Conclusions Overall, the study shows the importance of intellectual disability clinical nurse specialists and their contribution across a range of services, care environments and the support they offer to clients/families/staff/multidisciplinary team members and outside agencies. Relevance to clinical practice Ireland is in a unique position to develop knowledge regarding specialist care for people with intellectual disability that can be shared and adapted by other healthcare professionals in other countries that do not have specialised intellectual disability nurses.

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5. Survey outlines the current characteristics of CNSs.
Author(s):
Source: AJN American Journal of Nursing; Sep 2017; vol. 117 (no. 9); p. 15-15
Publication Date: Sep 2017
Publication Type(s): Academic Journal
Abstract: The article presents survey conducted by National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) for 2016, which states that most CNSs are while women practicing in adult health or gerontology in acute care hospitals.
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Author(s): Kotronoulas, Grigorios; O’Brien, Fran; Simpson, Mhairi F.; Maguire, Roma
Source: Clinical Nurse Specialist: The Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice; Jul 2017; vol. 31 (no. 4)
Publication Date: Jul 2017
Publication Type(s): Academic Journal
Abstract: Purpose/Aims: Patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) can be effectively used to uncover the unmet needs of women with cervical cancer for supportive care. Our aim was to explore the feasibility and acceptability of PROM-driven, nurse-led consultations to enhance delivery of supportive care to women with cervical cancer during active anticancer treatment. Design: A 2-phased, mixed-method prospective study was conducted. Main research variables included feasibility and acceptability parameters of the trialed intervention. Methods: Preconsultation PROM data were collected during 3 consecutive monthly consultations and used by the gynecology cancers nurse specialist (CNS) to deliver personalized supportive care. The problem checklist and Cervical Cancer Concerns Questionnaire were used to aid data collection. Findings: Because of considerable recruitment challenges, a recruitment rate of 27% (3/11 patients) was achieved. Two patients completed all 3 study assessments. Seven in-clinic patient assessments were performed over 6 months. The study participants praised the opportunity for dedicated time for patients to raise concerns and for the CNS to provide sensitive and personalized support. Conclusion: Women with cervical cancer perceive important benefits from participating in PROM-driven, time-protected
sessions with their CNS. Our findings provide tentative evidence to support the feasibility and acceptability of this intervention model and warrant future confirmation. Implications for Practice: * Use of patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) to identify the unmet needs of women with cervical cancer is acceptable and must be implemented from the point of diagnosis. * Cancer nurse specialists (CNS) are receptive to and able to act on PROM information, rendering them key professionals in addressing the supportive care needs of people with cancer. * Women with cervical cancer perceive important benefits from participating in PROM-driven, time-protected, and private sessions with their CNS.

Database: CINAHL

7. Advanced roles in cancer nursing.
Author(s): Percival, Natalie
Source: British journal of nursing (Mark Allen Publishing); May 2017; vol. 26 (no. 10); p. S29
Publication Date: May 2017
Publication Type(s): Journal Article
PubMedID: 28541107
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