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Emergency Room Nurses Practice Related To Management of Upper Gi Bleeding Among Chronic Liver Disease Patients: An Observational Study

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Introduction: Emergency handling is philosophy, which is 'Time saving is Live Saving'. This is vital of the condition that patients can lose their lives just in minutes. One indicator of the success for managing medicinal emergency patients is the speed of providing adequate assistance to emergency patients in emergency room. Upper gastrointestinal bleeding (UGIB) is potentially life-threatening abdominal emergency that remains a common cause of hospitalization and is defined as haemorrhage that involves the mouth to the duodenum proximal to the ligament of teritz (Cerulli & Geibel, 2016; Tielleman, Bujanda & Cryer, 2015).

Method: A structured observation checklist was used in the study. This phase used a nonparticipant observer role to observe emergency room nurses in their natural setting undertaking emergency care and responsibilities. One observer, using a tool and reflective journal, collected data on participant interactions, processes and practices on emergency room nurses over 14 days including 35 events of observation (total 334 hr: 50 min) in emergency room. Data analysis used descriptive statistics.

Result: 8.57% had satisfactory, 91.43% non-satisfactory practice. Emergency room nurses had a varied and unpredictable workload, including Shortage of nursing staff and high number of patients visiting the emergency room.

Conclusion: The nurses had poor to average practice. Shortage of nursing staff and high number of patients visiting the emergency room were identified as factors affecting the practice. Further research into this role is required, including linking efficacy with experience of nurses, impact the role has on patient safety, and patient and family perceptions of the role.

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