

P01-148 - "DEATH ANXIETY" IN SPECIAL AND GENERAL WARD'S NURSES

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Objective: Death is a daily, several and important occurrence in nursing. Nurse's death anxiety is effect agent on quality of communication and caring of patients especially dying patients. Death Anxiety has excellent effect on job satisfaction and mental health of nurses. Only few studies have been done in this issue. Aim of this preliminary study was compare of death anxiety in special and general ward's nurses.

Methods: This was a cross-sectional analytical study that 387 practitioner nurses in census method were recruited from selected Hospital of TUMS 2007. The data were collected using a personal - social questionnaire and Templer Death Anxiety Scale. The data were analyzed using descriptive & inferential (Pearson, ANOVA, Regression...) statistical.

Results: Results show significant difference between mean score of Death anxiety in special (8/262/1) and general (8/302/4) ward's nurses and was correlated with some variables such as marriage statues ($p < 0/04$), education level ($p < 0/03$), organizational situation ($p < 0/001$) and the ward which nurses now worked ($p < 0/02$). But has not significantly correlated with age, sex, shift, care of end stage patients, partnership in CPR and etc.

Conclusion: Death anxiety effect physical and emotional aspects of nurse's life and so effect process of caring present by them. Results show death anxiety was higher in special ward nurses and they faced more than general ward nurses to dying and death so they need special attention to death anxiety and investigation causes of it, development of institutional support to enable nurses to provide good quality care for patients.