



ROLE OF PEDIATRIC NURSE IN ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE: A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Advanced nursing practice has significantly transformed pediatric healthcare delivery. Pediatric nurses practicing at an advanced level play a crucial role in providing comprehensive, family-centered, and evidence-based care to children. This study aims to assess the role of pediatric nurses in advanced nursing practice and identify their contributions in clinical care, health promotion, leadership, education, and research. A descriptive research design was adopted, involving pediatric nurses working in selected healthcare institutions. Data were collected using a structured questionnaire and analyzed using descriptive statistics.

KEYWORDS

Pediatric Nursing, Advanced Nursing Practice, Child Health

INTRODUCTION

Pediatric nursing focuses on care of infants, children, and adolescents. With advancements in healthcare systems, pediatric nurses now perform expanded roles under advanced nursing practice.

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess the role of pediatric nurses in advanced nursing practice.
2. To identify advanced clinical responsibilities.
3. To explore leadership, education, and research roles.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design: Descriptive cross-sectional design.
Setting: Selected pediatric units in Maharashtra.
Sample: 60 pediatric nurses.
Sampling: Technique: Convenience sampling.
Tool: Structured questionnaire.
Data Analysis: Descriptive statistics.

RESULTS

Majority of nurses were involved in advanced clinical care and health promotion. Research involvement was comparatively low.

CONCLUSION

Pediatric nurses play a vital role in advanced nursing practice. Strengthening training and research opportunities will further enhance pediatric healthcare outcomes.

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