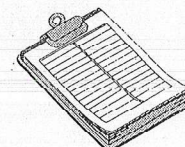


FLOW SHEET FOR BETTER DOCUMENTATION IN THE LABOUR ROOM

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Quality and cost of the traditional documentation system versus newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system, and the attitude of the health personnel towards the two documentation systems.

OPERATIONAL DEFINITION:

QUALITY

Brevity, Non-repetition, Sequences, Content and Signature of the Nurses' documentation.

COST

The expenses incurred in the form of material for the documentation and the time spent by the Nurses from the time of admission till mother is transferred from the Labour room.

ATTITUDE

The responses / opinions as expressed in the questionnaire by the health personnel (medical consultants, registrars, Nursing personnel - departmental sisters, ward sisters, staff Nurses and Diploma Nursing Students).

OBJECTIVES:

1. To compare the quality of the traditional documentation system and the newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system.
2. To compare the cost of the traditional documentation system and the newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system.
3. To assess the attitude of the health

personnel towards the traditional documentation system and the newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system.

An experimental study was carried out. Sixty samples were taken for the study. The self administered questionnaire was filled by all the health personnel working in the labour room in order to assess their attitude towards the documentation systems. The alternative admissions to the labour room were taken for control (traditional documentation system) and experimental group (newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system) respectively.

RESULTS:

Study findings revealed that the newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system had statistical significance at ($p < .001$) level in terms of quality, time, material and attitude of the health personnel.

Time taken for the traditional documentation for one parturient woman was 316 seconds, and for the newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation system for one parturient woman was 202 seconds. So Nurses are almost free from documentation work and they can spend more time for the patient care.

Quality of the traditional documentation was (67% poor quality) whereas newly devised labour room Nursing process documentation was (86.9% good quality).

CONCLUSION:

The study showed that the newly devised labour room Nursing process

documentation system-flow sheet model is of good quality, saves time and consumes less money, thereby it is highly satisfactory.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE STUDY FOR LABOUR ROOM NURSES:

The Nurses can save time through effective documentation and spend more time in patient care. Following the rules and charting guidelines of JCAHO and introduction of Nursing process will help improve the Nursing standard.

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