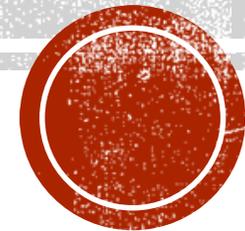


PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION FOR DIALYSIS NURSES

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BACKGROUND

- Palliative care improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness.
- No formal palliative care education program for nephrology staff exists in Israel.



GOAL

- Provide knowledge and practical tools for palliative care and its implementation into everyday practice in the nephrology units.
- Change common concepts of palliative care in dialysis units across the country.



PROCESS

- The course consisted of 14 full study days, once a week, 20 workshops were included.
- The theoretical, practical and emotional issues of the palliative care were presented.
- Evaluation via google form was done at the end of each study day.
- Pre and post program evaluation of personal study goals were done



RESULTS

- 30 nurses from nephrology departments, in-hospital and community dialysis units were enrolled in the program
- Age 42 ± 8
- 23% were male
- The response to the evaluation form was 89%
- For the pre and post program evaluation, interviews were used.





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EVALUATION FORM RESULTS

- 50% of participants agree that they gained new knowledge.
- 57.5% agreed that the lectures met their professional expectations.
- 66% agreed that they thought about the subject that was discussed during the program both at work or at home.
- 77.5% agreed that workshops provided practical tools for daily work in the unit.
- However, 76% agreed that more practical and emotional experience is needed for the successful use of studied material.



RESULTS

- The individual goals for the participation in the program were:
 - ✓ gain new knowledge - 50%
 - ✓ an emotional personal need - 26%
 - ✓ implementation of palliative care approach in the unit - 24%
- The Post program evaluation
 - ✓ Implementation of practical tools in every day practice - 28%
 - ✓ Think about implementation of practical tools in every day practice - 41%
 - ✓ Feel more competent with end of life issues - 31%



CONCLUSIONS

- Palliative care is mandatory for the elderly, frail CKD patient.
- Nephrology nurses from different units throughout the country should be formally educated on theoretical and practical aspects of palliative care in order to provide better care for the patients.
- Practical experience should be an integral part of the palliative care training program.



Thanks for listening!

