



Experiences of Surgical Nurses caring for Dying Patients

as a source of stress; we therefore aimed to understand these experiences further.

Aim

This study aimed to investigate the experiences of surgical nurses while caring for dying patients.

Results

Five themes emerged:

- (1) Understanding and preference for EoLC
- (2) Perceived barriers while providing EoLC
- (3) Robust support from the team as a facilitator while providing EoLC
- (4) Symptom management
- (5) Future training and support

Further, theme 2 has five sub-themes as shown below:

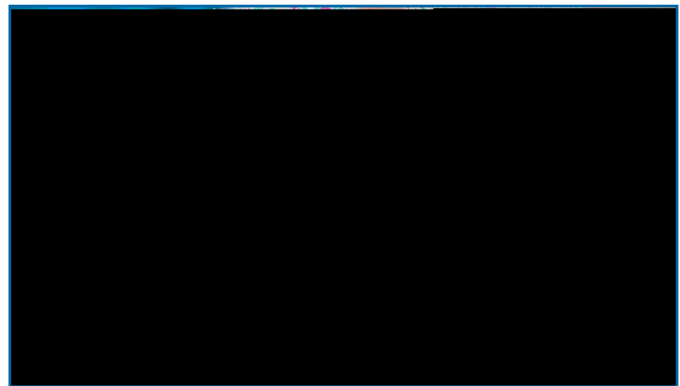
Methodology

- Eight staff nurses (band 5) were interviewed from two surgical wards in an acute trust.
- Open questions were used to explore general experiences, and further prompts discussed factors which enable or hinder delivery of care.
- The interviews were audio-recorded, transcribed and analysed with Nvivo software.
- Thematic analysis was used to analyse the data.

Conclusion

emotional and psychological support to dying patients and their families.

- Training on topics such as communication and usage of equipment may improve the standard of care of dying people.



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