

## **Knowledge regarding discharge procedure for psychiatric patients among staff nurses and nursing students**

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**Abstract:** A schedule of events often planned by a multidisciplinary team leading to the return of a patient from hospital confinement to normal life at home.**OBJECTIVES:** 1.To assess level of knowledge regarding discharge procedure for psychiatric patients among staff nurses and nursing students.2.To Compare the level of knowledge regarding discharge procedure of psychiatric patients between staff nurses and nursing students.3. To Find out the association between the level of knowledge regarding discharge procedure of psychiatric patients among staff nurses and nursing students with their selected socio demographic variables.**METHODOLOGY:** The quantitative approach non experimental descriptive design was adopted. The setting of the study was Narayana Medical College Hospital, Nellore and Narayana Nursing Institutions, Nellore. The target population for the present study was staff nurses and nursing students. The staff nurses in Narayana Medical College Hospital and Nursing student those who fulfill the inclusion criteria of sample were selected by using Probability simple random technique by lottery method, total 15 Staff Nurses and 15 Nursing student were selected. **RESULTS:** The study revealed that among 15 staff nurses and 15nursing students 9(60%) staff nurses and 11(73.3%) nursing students are having moderately adequate knowledge. 6(40%) staff nurses and 4(26.7%)nursing students are having inadequate knowledge. Staff nurses are having more knowledge on discharge procedure of psychiatric patients than student nurses. **CONCLUSION:** The study revealed that staff nurses are having more knowledge on discharge procedure of psychiatric patients than student nurses

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