

ADVANCED EDUCATION FOR NURSES WORKING MANY YEARS IN THE ICU

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BACKGROUND

The accelerated development of nursing and medical fields poses a challenge to the older health care professionals working in intensive care. They must continually comprehend new theoretical developments like, advanced approaches to disease diagnosis, new drugs, innovative technological equipment, and tools for dealing with patients suffering from incurable diseases hospitalized at the end of life.

The World Health Organization (WHO) stresses the importance of continuous learning processes and the local Health regulatory body Director of Nursing profoundly emphasizes that veteran staffs' knowledge needs to be refreshed.

One goal of our National Association for the Cardiac and Intensive Care nursing in Israel is to encourage education, critical thinking and development of evidence-based research and protocols. The association sought to fill in the gap for older nurses and decided to open the first course in Israel - advanced intensive care.

AIM

- ❖ to describe creation and implementation of national courses for advanced critical care nursing.
- ❖ Setting & participants national association critical care nurses using evidenced based up to date technology to educate the bedside side experienced nurse.

METHOD

- ❖ The course was developed collaborate with all the members of the national association.
- ❖ Delphi system of curriculum development.
- ❖ The course included workshop dealing with death, a panel of multi-cultural and religious clergymen.

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The course included 15 sessions containing: updates in of respiratory knowledge - modern breathing methods and noninvasive, ECMO device applications, artificial heart and smart pacemakers, brain catheterization and surgeries - The new approaches in the treatment of a multi-systemic patient, palliative care - a subject that rises and develops in individual units. Dialysis through the promotion of risk management, law and justice and more.



THE NURSES STUDENTS

- ❖ 23 Israeli nurses participated in the course.
- ❖ The nurses were from 7 medical centers, and from departments such as ICU, ICCU, neurosurgery, and post-surgery recovery.
- ❖ All the nurses participated in a combined Intensive Care course.
- ❖ All the nurses have many years of professional experience, and are all at least 10 years past the completion of nursing studies.



RESULTS

The feedback from participants was excellent, students eagerly consumed the knowledge, shared their perceptions of their years on the job, and expressed high satisfaction with the course.