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Involving parents in their child's care - where next?

Family Centred Care, Collaboration

Introduction

Health policy advocates that professionals involve parents in care and care decisions; yet models advocating involvement are not embedded into practice.

Aim

Identify the shared antecedents and key attributes associated with embedding family-centred care (FCC) and partnership-in-care (PiC) into practice.

Methods

A concept synthesis was undertaken by searching 3 databases (Scopus, CINAHL, BNI 1999 - 2014); shared antecedents and attributes were extrapolated from the 30 studies that met defined inclusion criteria.

Results

Unclear roles and boundaries, entrenched professional practices, and lack of guidelines hinder FCC / PiC implementation. An alternative framework was developed based on the actions and skills required to support parents' involvement in care and care decisions.

Discussion

Greater focus on the skills required to facilitate involvement may negate the challenges of embedding FCC / PiC.

Conclusion

The framework for involvement can help guide nurses' actions towards building effective relationships and involving parents in care decisions.