

Nurses' Perceptions of Obstacles and Supportive Behaviors in Providing End-of-Life Care at Oncology Centers

Hussein Kadhim Hussein*, Hussam Youssef Youssef, Ph.D** Shady Shafeek Dowarah***, Saer Naheem Taha****, Zahraa Hassan Chamas*****

ABSTRACT

Caring for end-of-life patient is one of the most challenge things in nursing profession. The nurse not only should take care of the end-of-life people but also need to face to their families, so before coping this, there should be a correct cognition of end-of-life. Objectives of the study were to assess the levels of nurses' Perception for Obstacle and helpful behavior regarding care of dying patients at oncology centers, examine the relationships between nurse's perception and demographic variables. A cross-sectional design was conducted on Iraqi nurses in Middle Euphrates at three centers (N =150). Data analysis included descriptive statistics and Kruskal-Wallis H, Mann-Whitney U analysis. the study showed that more than half of nurses perceive a moderate perception of obstacles and helpful behaviors when caring for dying patients. The finding revealed that their inverse relationship between nurses' education level and obstacles while their positive relationship between nurses' education level and helpful behavior. The study showed a statistically significant regarding nursing perception with years of experience. It is of the utmost importance that supervisors in an oncology environment maintain regular debriefing sessions, promote effective teamwork and offer good support and guidance, in order to sustain a supportive working environment. Providing support for Nurses who working in oncology centers including strategies that would help improve the authority of the nursing profession, Create a physical environment in which nurse area able to talk with family about End-Of-Life issue.

Keywords: Perception, Obstacles, Supportive Behaviors Oncology Centers

Bahrain Med Bull 2026; 48 (1): 2829-2833

-
- * Lecturer of Adult Nursing, College of Nursing
University of Warith Al-Anbiyaa, Karbala, Iraq.
Email: Hussein.ka@uowa.edu.iq
- ** Community Health Nursing, Nursing College
University of Warith Al-Anbiyaa.
- *** Master of Adult Health Nursing, Department of Adult Health Nursing
College of Nursing, University of Warith Al-Anbiyaa
Karbala, Iraq.
- **** Master of Critical Care Nursing and Emergency
University of Warith Al-Anbiyaa
College of Nursing, Karbala, Iraq.
- ***** Master of Nursing Science
Imam Zain Al-Abiden Hospital.