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The training needs of Breast Care Nurses- basic vs. advanced level

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Introduction

Yate (2007) claimed a Breast Care Nurse (BCN) is "A registered nurse who applies advanced knowledge of the health needs, preferences and circumstances of women with breast cancer to optimize the individual's health and well-being at various stages across the continuum of care, including diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care". To become a competent breast specialty nurse, there are indicated criteria according to HA nurse specialization requirement. The criteria includes the years of experience in nursing field, the years involved in specialty nursing, the level of academic education achieved and the clinical nursing practice. In order to review the provision of breast care services and the training needs of BCNs in the mainstream of Hong Kong hospitals, a questionnaire was designed to stock take the level of training of BCNs and the provision of breast care service in different clinical setting.

Objectives

To review the provision of breast care services and the training needs of BCNs in the mainstream of Hong Kong hospitals

Methodology

The questionnaire was designed to collect information on the years of nursing experience, years of breast care experience, post breast specialty course experience or other specialty training, post Master Degree, years of functioning as breast care nurse and BCN clinic, working according to BCN nursing standards, working in advanced practice. The questionnaire was given out to the recognized BCNs of different hospitals and was asked to return once the questionnaire was finished.

Result

Result There were total 16 questionnaires distributed to BCNs with 100% return rate. 11 BCNs were practicing in full time breast care service, 3 worked as part-time and 2 worked in general surgical wards. The results demonstrated the level of provision of service by these BCNs, the support from their supervisors and the training needs of BCN. Discussion 1. The provision of breast care in different levels: basic needs,

advanced care and extended care. 2. The quality service provided by BCN 3. Different levels of breast care service provided by different hospital and surgery department. 4. The training need of BCNs.