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Study on Diagnostic Concordance of Psychiatric Consultation Liaison Nurse (CLN) and Consultation Liaison Psychiatrists (CLP) in Kowloon East Cluster (KEC), Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR).

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Introduction

Psychiatric Consultation Liaison Nurse (CLN) service in general hospital in Hong Kong had been gaining importance over the past few years. At Kowloon East Cluster (KEC), Hong Kong SAR, a team of Consultation Liaison Nurse (CLN) had been deployed at Accident and Casualty Departments (AED) to work independently with support from Consultation Liaison Psychiatrist (CLP) since 2008. It was very important that they made appropriate clinical judgment on the diagnosis for further management of patients.

Objectives

This study aimed to find out the percentage concordance in diagnosis between CLN and CLP as well as to identify variables associated with discordance.

Methodology

This was a retrospective and record review study. Case notes of patients seen from July 2011 to Dec 2012 were retrieved from CMS and analysed.

Result

A concordance rate of 85% was found and years of experience of CLN had significant association with discordance.