

KNOWLEDGE of NURSES in PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION and their ATTITUDE towards the use of BRADEN SCALE



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BACKGROUND of the STUDY



PRESSURE ULCER remains to be one of the major healthcare problems around the world

(Wilborn, Grittner, Dassen, and Kottner, 2010)

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For every 1,000,000 patients who developed pressure ulcer, **65,000 DIE** from complications.

(Agency for Healthcare Research Quality, 2008)

An **80% INCREASE** in the number of patients who were hospitalized due to pressure ulcers from the year 1993 to 2006.

(Agency for Healthcare Research Quality, 2008)

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- ❖ Prevalence Rate of **9% to 14%** in 3 Singaporean Hospitals caring for Acute and Rehabilitating patients

(Ministry of Health, Singapore, 2001)



- ❖ Rate of **21%** in a rehabilitation hospital in Hong Kong
(Lai A., & Ng M., 1991)

BACKGROUND of the STUDY



About **20%** developed pressure ulcer among bed-ridden hospitalized **orthopedic patients** in a tertiary hospital in the **PHILIPPINES**
(Molon, J.N.D., and Estrella, E.P., 2011)



21.2% of patient who underwent surgery developed pressure ulcer in the **FIRST 2 days POSTOPERATIVELY**
(Schoonven et al. , 2002)



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- Painful
- Expensive
- Affect **MENTAL**;
- EMOTIONAL**; and
- SOCIAL** well-being

(American Journal of Nursing, 2007)

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National Patient Safety Goal:

....Reduction of the Risk of Developing Pressure Ulcers through the use of **Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment Scales (RAS)**

(The Joint Commission, 2011; Wann-hansson and William, 2007)

Norton Scale

Braden Scale

Waterlow Scale

BACKGROUND of the STUDY



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**NATIONAL DATABASE
OF NURSING
QUALITY INDICATORS**

PROBLEM STATEMENT



- ❖ Nurses still showed **POOR COMPLIANCE** with the clinical guidelines regarding pressure ulcer prevention

(Wann-Hansson and William, 2007)

- ❖ Nurses view pressure ulcer prevention as being **LESS IMPORTANT** than other aspects of nursing care

(Athlin et al., 2010; Samuriwo, 2010)



PROBLEM STATEMENT



AWARENESS

**COMPLIANCE
COMPETENCY**

*(Wann-Hansson and William, 2007;
Miyazaki, Caliri, and dos Santos, 2010)*

PROBLEM STATEMENT



...nurses must be knowledgeable about the **use of RAS** and possess **correct clinical judgment** to be able to prevent pressure ulcer...

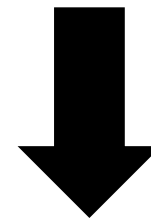
(Vanderwee et al. 2007)

ATTITUDE



MOTIVATIONAL
Intervention

KNOWLEDGE



EDUCATIONAL
Intervention



PURPOSE of the STUDY

Investigate the relationship between the **Knowledge of Nurses** in pressure ulcer prevention and their **Attitude** towards the use of Braden scale



PURPOSE of the STUDY

1. What is the **KNOWLEDGE** of nurses in pressure ulcer prevention?
2. What is the **ATTITUDE** of nurses towards the use of Braden Scale as a form of pressure ulcer prevention?
3. Is there a significant **RELATIONSHIP** between the knowledge of nurses in pressure ulcer prevention and their attitudes towards the use of Braden Scale?

METHODOLOGY



Design

Descriptive Correlational Design

Locale

- ❖ 650 Bed-Capacity Hospital in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig
- ❖ 217 Bed-Capacity Hospital in Alabang, Muntinlupa

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POPULATION and SAMPLE

Sampling Method

Purposive Sampling

Inclusion Criteria

- ❖ Full time Staff Nurses
- ❖ Experienced using the Braden scale
- ❖ Working in...
 - ❖ Intensive Care Units
 - ❖ Medical Ward
 - ❖ Surgical Wards; or
 - ❖ Orthopedic Wards



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POPULATION and SAMPLE

Demographics of the Sample

Demographics	f	%
<i>N = 77 (Age: 23 – 63 yrs. old)</i>		
<i>Response Rate = 67%</i>		
Gender		
Male	15	19.48
Female	62	80.5
Hospital		
Medical Center A	39	50.65
Medical Center B	38	49.35
Ward		
Medical Ward	32	41.55
Surgical Ward	3	3.9
Orthopedic Ward	3	3.90
Intensive Care Unit	39	50.65

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RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS

Modified Instrument	Items	Reliability
Pieper's Pressure Ulcer Knowledge Test (<i>Pieper and Caliri, 2002</i>)	33	0.81
Attitude Identification Tool (<i>Moore and Price, 2004</i>)	11	0.84

METHODOLOGY



ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ❖ Approval was given by the two research locales after a review of research proposal
- ❖ Ethics evaluation by the Research Committee of Far Eastern University – Institute of Nursing



RESULTS

Knowledge of Staff Nurses in Pressure Ulcer Prevention and their Attitude towards the Use of Braden Scale

	Mean	Interpretation
Knowledge in Pressure Ulcer Prevention	76.94	Inadequate Knowledge
Attitude towards the Use of Braden Scale	3.97	Positive Attitude



RESULTS

KNOWLEDGE



Item	Answer	%
It is important to massage bony prominences	False	72.37%
Donut devices/ring cushions help to prevent pressure ulcers	False	88.31%
Heel protectors like gloves filled with water relieve pressure on the heels	False	79.22%



RESULTS

ATTITUDE

- Braden scale **DOES NOT CONSUME** more of the time in their shift **(62%)**
- They **NEED TO CONCERN** themselves in using the Braden scale with their practice **(84%)**
- Pressure ulcer prevention was also considered a **GREATER PRIORITY** than pressure ulcer treatment **(87%)**
- Most of the respondents accepted that continuous assessment will give an **ACCURATE ACCOUNT** of the pressure ulcer status of their patients **(94%)**



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Uncertain:

- if *Braden scale is better than their clinical judgment* when assessing the patient at risk of pressure ulcer **(68%)**
- if Patients tend to get pressure ulcer nowadays **(42%)**

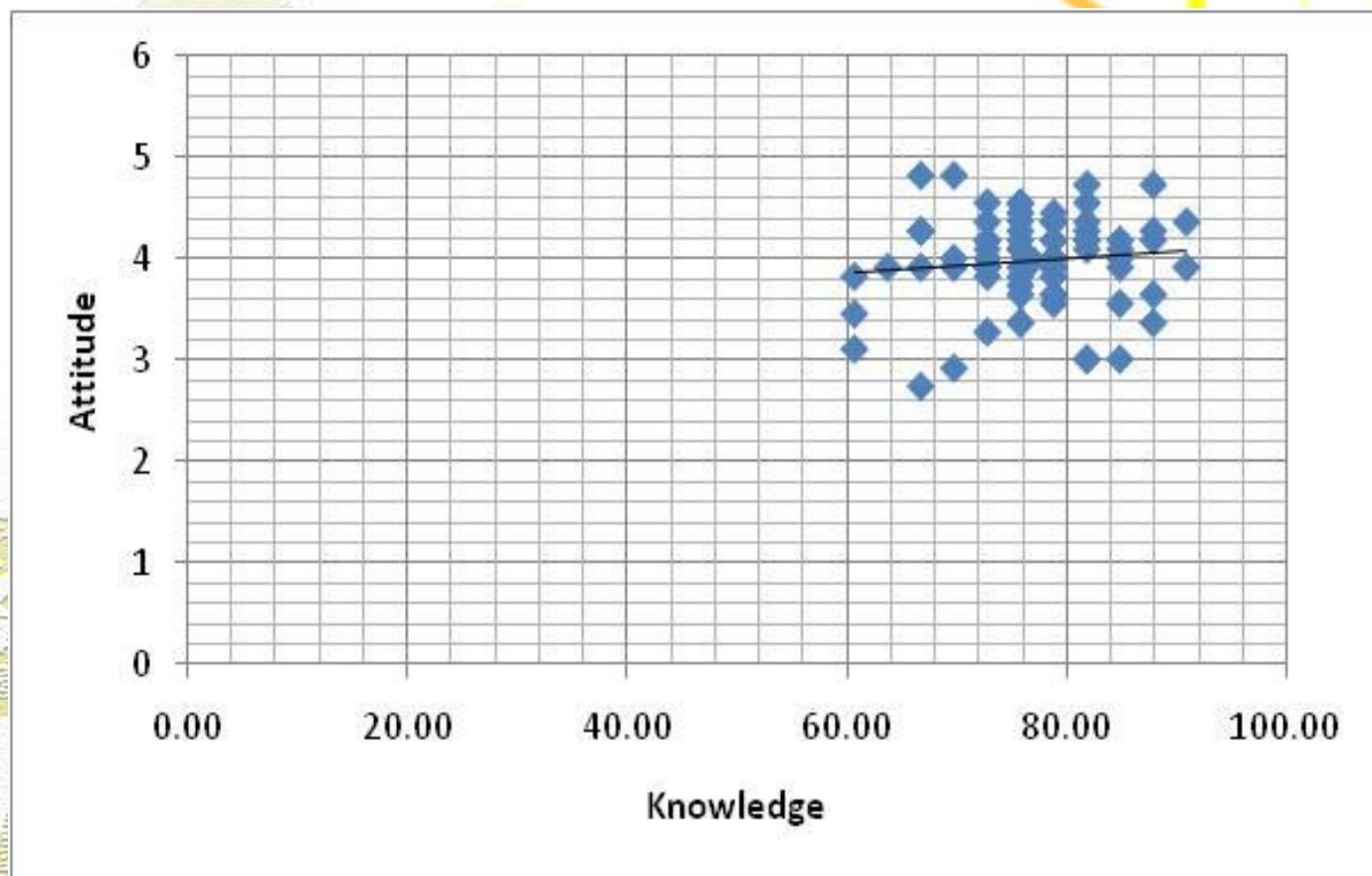


RESULTS

Relationship between Knowledge of Staff Nurses in Pressure Ulcer Prevention and their Attitude towards the Use of Braden Scale

Correlation
Coefficient
(Pearson's r)

$r = 0.1141465$
Weak Positive





RESULTS

Relationship between Knowledge of Staff Nurses in Pressure Ulcer Prevention and their Attitude towards the Use of Braden Scale

Correlation Coefficient (r)	Level of Significance	Degree of Freedom (df)	Critical Value (CV)	Computed t-Value	Decision
0.11414654 (Weak Positive)	0.05	75	1.990	0.995042	Accept the Ho

**There is no significant relationship between the knowledge of nurses in pressure ulcer prevention and their attitudes towards the use of Braden Scale.*

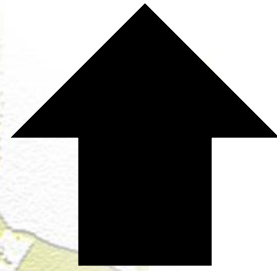
CONCLUSIONS

Knowledge of nurses in Pressure Ulcer Prevention **CANNOT BE A BASIS** in assessing their Attitude towards the Use of Braden Scale



CONCLUSIONS

KNOWLEDGE



RECOMMENDATIONS

NURSING PRACTICE

Applying pressure ulcer prevention and risk assessment in the clinical area would be very important



NURSING EDUCATION

Continuous Education

Emphasize and teach the importance and the different ways of pressure ulcer prevention and use of Braden scale to nursing students



RECOMMENDATIONS

NURSING AMINISTRATION

1. Boosting Nurses' Knowledge through **Staff training and Seminars**
2. **Re-Evaluation** of Staff nurses



RECOMMENDATIONS

NURSING RESEARCH

1. Conduct **Multi-local** Research
2. **Increase** number of respondents
3. Assess the **other variables** which might affect the knowledge and attitude of nurses (e.g. hospital area where they are assigned, and other demographic data).



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