

# Psychiatric care nurses' and caregivers' perceptions of quality of care in community

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#### Introduction

- What is "quality of care"?
- Why it is so important in psychiatric community care?
- What is the importance of psychiatric community care in Taiwan?
- \* How can the quality of care in psychiatric patients be analyzed?
- \* How is psychiatric care quality from patients', nurses' and caregivers' viewed.



#### Introduction

- Most research on the quality of care focus on patient's satisfaction
- There're no objective assessment instrument of community mental illness patients of care quality in Taiwan
- Nurses and caregivers play an important role in the care-providing process for psychiatric patients.
- Their unique experience of patient care make it important to include them when defining quality of care.



## Purpose

How the psychiatric nurses and caregivers perceived quality of care in community



## Methods

- An qualitative research approach
  - + to understand and represent issues of temporality quality of care in the case of psychiatric care in community
- Multiple techniques are applied for data collection
  - + in-depth individual interviews
  - + focus groups
  - + participant observation
- Content analysis was used



### Data collection

- In Taipei city, New Taipei city & Nantou county
- Semi-structured questions were conducted by one of the authors
  - + Took on average 1 hour
- The interviews were MP3 recorded and transcribed verbatim
- **×** Duration:2011.5~2011.11
  - + Caregiver: 3 Focus Group
  - + Nurses:3 Focus Group and 1 in-depth interview



#### Interview Guidelines

- Illustrate the community services given in your Institute (or that you have received) ?
- What are your thoughts on the quality of care in psychiatric community care?
- What alterations are required to improve the quality of care?
- What strategies may encourage psychiatric patients to seek home care services?
- Why are these strategies fundamental to the psychiatric community care?
- Have you ever faced resistance or difficulties in receiving (or providing) home care services?
- What do you think about community -care service capabilities?



## **Participants**

- **×** Care nurses:
  - +2 Psychiatric teaching hospitals
  - +13 psychiatric nurses
    - × 1 male
    - × 12 female
  - +Age:32~50
  - +The average nursing years:18.8



#### Participants(cont')

- **×** Caregivers:
  - + 16Caregivers;
    - +5 males
    - +11 females
  - + Age:23~83
  - + During the care of patients:1~40
  - + The average number of hospitalizations:3.5
  - + Diagnosis
    - × Schizophrenia:11 cases
    - × Affect disorder:5 cases



# Rigor

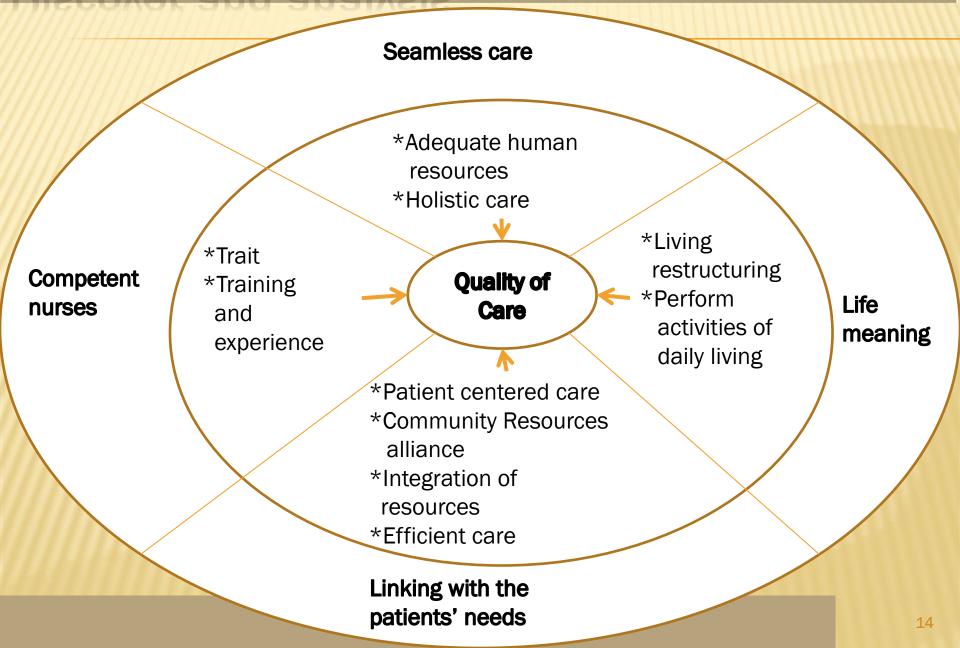
- The criteria for evaluating qualitative research is by reference to "Lincoln & Guba", 1985
  - + Credibility
  - + Transferability
  - + Dependability
  - + Confirmability



## **Ethical consideration**

The study was approved by the hospital ethics committee

# Discover and analysis



# Competent núrses

#### × 2 categories

#### × Trait:

- + This concept describes personal characteristics of nurses
  - To be optimistic, if we really encounter difficulty, ...He (nurse) must be able to talk to another and share with their experiences(N9)

#### Training and experience

- + This concept describes the receive of good training and hand-on experience
  - \* at least two years of hospital training, he could assess the symptoms of acute patient and deal with something else independently(N1)





## Seamless care(1/2)

- × 2 categories
- Adequate human resources
  - + This conception describes adequate manpower support and professional support
    - Institutions have to provide services to meet the patients need(N7)



## Seamless care (2/2)

#### × Holistic care

- + This concept refers to the continuity of medical care, such as psychiatric acute, chronic inpatient care, ambulatory, community rehabilitation care and transition of care
  - In terms of continuing medical care, the patient might have the needs of emergency treatment and long term care(N13)



# Life meaning(1/2)

- **2** categories
- Living restructuring
  - + This concept describes assistance in the restructuring of the patient's life, and the ability of patient self-management of life, disease adjustment, and working adjustment
    - Institutions training should be done, before they (patients) are allowed to looking for a job(C7)



# Life meaning(2/2)

- × Perform activities of daily living
  - + This concept describes the assistance given to patients to: perform daily tasks, maintain normally daily routines, and enforce motivation towards the patients, by strengthening rehabilitation motivation and/or maintaining working habits
    - In terms of the mentally ill, the lack of opportunity given may be an incentive to enforce motivation, so that the patient can regulate and enforce a productive lifestyle(N1)



#### Linking with the patients' needs (1/4)

- **4** categories
- × Patient centered care
  - + This concept illustrates the care provided based on the patient's needs and his/her social interactions between friends and families
  - + Awareness of the disease and the patient's illness experience
    - × After the classes, I altered my manner of communication with my child (C2)



## Linking with the patients' needs (2/4)

- **×** Community resources alliance
  - + This concept indicates the ability to link social resources
  - When the patient has a variety of community needs that can provide relevant information
    - In the community, family members might have immediate needs, the ability to link with these resources must be known (N4)



## Linking with the patients' needs (3/4)

- Integration of resources
  - + This concept indicates the ability to integrate various internal and external resources
  - + Be able to integrate a variety of community resources, and can be based on the patient needs to provide a single-window services
    - × Be able to coordinate and have the ability of resource referral, You must to know what needs have changed(N13)



#### Linking with the patients' needs (4/4)

#### **×** Efficient care

- + This concept refers to the provision of the efficiency and consistency of care services
- + Enhance self-care of the daily life, family support, community involvement, and psychological rehabilitation, disease management, self-management, crisis intervention, and reduce rehospitalization rate
  - This similar to professional nursing competence such as crisis intervention, family support, community involvement, psychological rehabilitation ... life management care, and promote community involvement, disease management and psychological recovery(N13)



#### Discussion and conclusion

- Community care quality contains good-care capacity, to provide seamless care, to find meaning in life,and links with patients needs
- Mental healthcare evaluation of the quality of patient care in Taiwan (Taiwan Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation)
  - According to acute and chronic inpatient medical quality indicators
  - + It is unable to provide an objective assessment of mentallyill patients' community care quality





#### Healthcare similarities between East and West

- Centered on patient care
- Emphasis patient's need
- **×** Focus on continuing care



#### Healthcare differences between East and West

#### Insurance

- \* The National Health Insurance program is a compulsory social insurance program for people living in Taiwanese citizens.
- This program is built on the concept of mutual assistance and depends on the insured to recompense for their premiums according to regulations.

#### Medical oriented

- Focus on medical outcome in Taiwan
- Instituted care
  - 90% of Institutional psychiatric care in Taiwan
  - Less of autonomy
- Family involvement



#### Relevance to Clinical Practice

- It is important to include the perception of care quality from both nurses and caregivers into the curriculum of on-job training for psychiatric nurses.
- Results can be used as a reference for guiding the mental health policy regulation and health care services for the psychiatric patients.
- In the future ,this will be noted with high importance, regarding to the forthcoming development of instruments to measure the quality of psychiatric care



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