A stratification of the embodied knowledge of nursing care experience in hospice wards

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Purpose

- Hospice nurses’ care experience
- Embodied knowledge
- Benner’s model of nursing knowledge
- Progressive development from novice to expert
- Disclosing the nature of terminal nursing care
Methods.

- Qualitative study
- Hermeneutic-phenomenological method
- Semi-structured depth-interviews & focus group
- 12 nurse participants (years of service: 3-20)
Benner’s model

- Novice
- Advanced beginner
- Competent
- Proficient
- Expert
Results.

- A four-leveled embodied knowledge of terminal care
- Learning without knowing (advanced beginner)
- Digging out things in control (competent)
- One step short of penetrating (proficient)
- Going with the life flow (expert)
Conclusion

- From nursing clinical experience to embodied knowledge
- Teaching hospice nursing experience on site & in school
- Open for questions & further discussions
Thanks for your attention!