

The Clinical librarian and nurses team up: Experiences from a paediatric ward in a Swedish hospital

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Background

The aim of this poster is to present and describe a clinical librarian's involvement and experiences from a recent project named Nursing rounds: a quality assurance project in a paediatric ward at Queen Silvia Children's Hospital, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg.

Aim

The aim of the project is to explore whether nursing rounds, supplemented by a librarian, can enhance the quality of both nursing care and nursing records, thus assuring patient safety.

The nursing rounds shall facilitate professional development and raise interest in research and evidence-based practice among nurses.

Method

During a weekly afternoon round with nurses and librarian, a current patient case is presented from a nursing point of view. The patient's care plan and specific needs are discussed, which often generates a clinical question. The coming week the librarian searches the literature for evidence and chooses relevant articles. At the next meeting the evidence or information is presented to the nurses and potential results are discussed. If applicable, results of the literature search will eventually lead to a change in nursing care routines. In addition to literature searching and selection of articles the librarian also has an educational role.

Result

The nursing rounds will continue with a librarian participating and another paediatric ward has joined the project. A web site will be created where the questions will be presented as Critically

Appraised Topics (CATs). This project has been beneficial for the librarian insofar as it has

been fun, very stimulating and instructive - but also demanding and time consuming. A better contact between nursing staff and library has been established. It has been beneficial for nursing staff in raising their awareness of nursing research, of evidence-based practice, and its implications for patient safety and wellbeing.