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The purposes of this research were to study and to compare knowledge, attitude, and nursing management of ward nurse managers for continuing care of chronic illness patients at home in the Hospitals under the Jurisdiction of the Ministry of Defense.

The major findings :

1. Ward nurse managers had knowledge at the moderate level, positive attitude, and nursing management at the moderate level.
2. There were no statistically significant difference of knowledge classified by nursing education, experience of ward nurse managers, and experience of nursing practice at .05 level.
3. There were no statistically significant difference of attitude and nursing management for continuing care of chronic illness patients at home, classified by nursing education, and experience of ward nurse managers at .05 level. There was statistically significant difference at .05 level as classified by experience of nursing practice.
4. The process of planning, in aspect of assessment, was listed by ward nurse managers as the problem found most (N = 28). The problems were named as 1) over work load 2) shortage of personnel 3) the missing information 4) no policy for continuing care at home.

In these findings, over work load was reported as problem that found in every category of the context.