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This correlational study was designed to study the nursing support of professional nurses caring for uterine cervical carcinoma inpatients receiving chemotherapy, and to investigate the relationships between selected variables which were holistic belief, empathy, knowledge on chemotherapy, age, marital status, working experience and the attendance in the chemotherapy in service program, and to determine if these variables would be able to predict nursing support. Research samples consisted of 60 professional nurses working with female carcinoma patients. Research instruments included questionnaire and the observation tool designed by the researcher to collect data on nursing support. Data analysis was based on 360 observations.

Major findings were as followed :-

1. Nursing support of professional nurses was at the lower level. Nursing support in the aspect of the perception of patients' needs and the aspect of responding to provide positive outcome were at the medium level, whereas nursing support in the aspect of providing emotional support was at the lower level.
2. Empathy was significantly and positively related to nursing support in total and in the aspect of responding to provide positive outcome at the .01 and .001 level ($r = .3312$ and $.4375$ consequently).
3. Working experience was significantly and negatively related to nursing support in total and in the aspect of providing emotional support at the .01 level ($r = -.3241$ and $-.3536$ consequently). Moreover, age of nurses was significantly and negatively related to nursing support in the aspect of providing emotional support at the .01 level ($r = -.3324$).
4. Empathy and working experience were able to predict nursing support at .01 level and the coefficient of multiple correlation was .4225 ($R = .4225$) with the estimated coefficient of determination was 17.85 percent ($R^2 = .1785$). The predicted equation in standard score form could be stated as followed.