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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to determine the nurse caring behaviors in nursing practice in the Labour room at Ramathibodi Hospital as perceived by parturients. The purposive sampling of 200 parturients who had vaginal delivery during November and December 1993 were studied. The data was collected by using the Caring Assessment Instrument which was developed from Larson's CARE/SAT instrument. The Caring Assessment Instrument was tested for content validity and reliability by Cronbach's coefficient alpha = .88. The Caring Assessment Instrument consists of 40 items, put into 3 parts of nurse caring behaviors as assistive, benign neglect and enabling. The assessment scores were 5 level of Likert scale as parturients' perception.

The result revealed that nurse caring behaviors assessed by parturients' perception were high level. The total mean score was 148.18. The mean score in high level by part were benign neglect ($X=45.64$) and assistive behaviors ($X=71.85$), for the mean score in medium level was enabling behaviors ($X=30.69$).

The factors about complication during labour, labour experience, types of service, and length of labour time were tested to identify the effect on the nurse caring behaviors. There was statistically significant differences $p<.05$ in the total mean score of nurse caring behaviors in factors of types of service and there were no statistically significant differences in the other three factors. There were statistically significant differences $p<.05$ in the mean score of assistive behavior in factors of complication during labour and types of service. There was statistically differences $p<.05$ in the mean score of enabling behaviours in factor of types of service. There was no statistically significant differences in benign neglect behaviors in all factors.

This study confirm the concept that nurse caring behaviors are permeated in the professional nursing practice by nature. The nurse caring behaviors can be detected from clients by the feeling care for and vary in some situations, such as the condition of clients or types of service.