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Abstract

A descriptive research was conducted to examine nurses' caring in nursing practice and factors contributing to nurses' caring. The Watson's Theory of Transpersonal Caring was used as a framework for the study. The purposive convenient sample consisted of 315 nurses who worked in the Department of Nursing at Ramathibodi Hospital during September 1995 to October 1995. A self-evaluation form measuring 10 carative factors which constructed by the researcher was used as the data collection instrument in this study.

Results of the study revealed that the sample had moderate level of caring in nursing practice. There were high levels of caring in 2 carative factors. There were significant differences in caring of the nurses who had more than 10 years experience, the nurses who worked in critical units, and the nurses who worked in different areas of specialty. In addition, there was no significant difference in caring of the nurses who were of different ages.

The result of this study support the concept of caring in nursing that caring is the nature of nursing.