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The Nursing Research Foundation (NRF) in Finland hosts two international collaboration centers. Both centers and NRF have a purpose to improve evidence-based practice. An example of the benefits is the utilization of a consistent model for implementation (the Model for Evidence-Based Consistent Practices, MEBCP). See more about the model: http://www.hutus.fi/hutus-en/model-consistent-practices.

According to our experiences, the model will benefit all efforts for improving evidence-based practices and the skills needed. We applied the model in improving hand hygiene. The application is based on continuous quality improvement. It utilizes direct observation as a method of auditing practices. The model is in use in many Finnish hospitals and some of them have even advanced to an evaluation phase. The very preliminary results indicate that utilizing the model will bring improvements. For example, lengthening the duration of hand disinfection and increasing understanding of good hand hygiene as a means of patient safety. It even seems to decrease the prevalence of some types of healthcare-associated infections.

Direct observation is well known as a golden standard to reveal what practices are like. However, very little attention has been paid on being an observer and observing colleagues. We are more than willing to discuss further with the attendees at the GNWHOCC General Meeting in Glasgow about their experiences in organizing observation in health care contexts. Consolidating our observations will nurture further development of the model for collecting data by direct observation as well as implementing evidence for patient safety.

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Foundation, Finland

REPORT FROM THE WHO COLLABORATING CENTRE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

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In February 2014 WHO designated the Nursing Care Research Centre of Iran University of Medical Sciences as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Education and Research in Nursing and Midwifery (WHOCCERM), signed by the Director of WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (EMRO), to implement the agreed work plan with the highest possible standard of quality.

The Centre’s activities are based on five terminals of references agreed with the WHO which include: cooperating with WHO to support educational institutions in the region and promotion of nursing and midwifery program quality, facilitating access to knowledge related to nursing and midwifery disciplines (education, practice, research and administration) through systematic scientific enquiry, supporting WHO in educating nursing and midwifery teachers, training specialist nurses and midwives through short and long term courses and responding to educational consultation requests from WHO and Eastern Mediterranean member states in the field of nursing, and midwifery and evidence based nursing education and practice.

In April 2014 WHOCCERM joined to the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery Development. Our Centre is visible as a member at: http://www.globalnetworkhec.com/nursing-midwifery-who-ccs.html

The Centre was authorized by the Deputy of Research at the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of Iran (MOHME) to establish the National Nursing Research Network in November 2014. This was achieved through collaboration with MOHME, the Iranian Nursing Organization and six educational and research institutions in Iran. We developed the network’s website (http://nursingsnet.iiums.ac.ir) in December 2014, and 50 institutions have joined the network since June 2015.

We had the opportunity to participate in the 10th Conference of the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centres for Nursing and Midwifery Development in Coimbra, Portugal (June 2014). We are also developing clinical practice guidelines to promote and encourage evidence based practice in nursing. These activities will be continued in the future.

Our Centre has held several training courses/workshops at national and international levels. These include topics such as:

- Ethics and research, Research priority setting and networking for nursing and midwifery experts, the Neonatal Individualized Developmental Care Assessment Program, Professional ethics in nursing and midwifery, Neonatal resuscitation, Empowering nurses in identifying and reporting child abuse, Knowledge, translation and commercialisation, Empowering nurses in the care of children under mechanical ventilation, International short-term professional training courses in wound and stoma care, Children, and Safety, and Spirituality, Health.

It has been our pleasure to cooperate with the WHO Regional Office for EMRO and the countries in the region. As a national representative, we collaborated with Pakistan on the “WHO’s Instrument to Profile Trauma Care System (WHO-IPTCS)” project and provided essential information on the trauma care system in Iran in 2014. We participated as national experts in the regional meeting of WHOCCs on Mental Health in Nursing held in Iran (2015). Additionally, we have been introduced to WHO and EMRO to build partnerships on nursing development in institutions, especially on mental health nursing programs in Persian speaking countries.

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Through an evidence-based model for consistent practices, the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Foundation, Finland, is improving hand hygiene in many Finnish hospitals. The model has been adopted by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Education and Research in Nursing and Midwifery (WHOCCERM), which has collaborated with 50 institutions since June 2015. The Centre has also joined the Global Network of WHO Collaborating Centers for Nursing and Midwifery Development, and has participated in various international conferences and training courses. The Centre has contributed to the development of guidelines and information on various topics, including ethics, research, and mental health nursing.