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Attitude of Palestinian nursing students toward caring for dying patients: a call for change in health education policy

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Background: Some nursing students may encounter the experience of taking care of a dying patient while others do not. Therefore, their attitude toward death and caring for dying patients may vary.

Aim: The aim of the study is to assess Palestinian student nurses' attitudes toward death and caring for dying patients and their families.

Methods: A cross-sectional, descriptive study including 141 senior nursing students was done. They completed the Frommelt Attitude Toward Care of the Dying Scale form B (FATCOD-B)

Results: Results revealed that Palestinian nursing students demonstrated a relatively low attitude toward caring for dying patients and their families. Gender and caring for dying patients did impact students' attitude.

Conclusions: The results suggest that theoretical nursing education should include more emphasis on palliative care to improve the quality of care at the end of life.

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