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Participatory approach in "a training program for enhancing nurses' capability of responding multicultural situations"

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[Background]

Our research group conducts training courses for improving nurses' ability to deal with multicultural situations at a number of places, which has been developed based on the data from about 10,000 Japanese nurses. We believe that our training program and the materials developed for the program can significantly improve the quality of nursing care for people of diverse cultures in Japan.

[Objectives]

We investigate whether our training program and the material "Nursing care for foreigners" we have developed are applicable in countries other than Japan. The study is performed through collaboration with participants of Information Exchange.

[Outline]

First, we explain our training program, and then participants actually experience a shorter version of the program using our original materials. After completion of the mini-course, we encourage the participants to discuss in groups whether the program can actually be helpful in their countries. Finally, comments and suggestions from each group are presented to share points to be improved. We welcome diverse participants from various countries and regions, including from Japan.

[Point of Discussions]

We discuss: for example, how seriously training programs for improving nurses' multicultural skills are required in other countries and even in Japan; whether the training program and materials we have developed are universally applicable or only limited to Japan.

[Style of Discussion]

This study relies on active group discussion among participants of Information Exchange after brief explanation of our training program followed by actual experience of the training.