

Experience of sexual harassment among nursing students in clinical settings in private nursing colleges in Kathmandu Valley

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ABSTRACT

Background

Over the last decade, the pervasiveness and the cost of sexual harassment, a manifestation of sex-based discrimination, has become a growing concern at the national and international level. This study aims to assess the experience of sexual harassment among nursing students in the clinical settings.

Methods

A cross-sectional research design was carried out in 2017 in three private nursing colleges, Kathmandu. Census method was used to recruit 232 respondents. A structured questionnaire was used for data collection. Data was objectively analyzed in SPSS full version 21.

Results

Nursing students experiencing sexual harassment were 28.9%. Respondents were found to be sexually harassed mostly by patient party/visitor 50%. Mostly harassment occurs at night shift (Between 7pm- 8am) 53.7% and in ward 88%. Regarding effects of Sexual Harassment, approx. 72.9% of the nursing students had repeated disturbing memories and thoughts about a sexual harassment incident. Among total participant only 15% heard about hotline number of workplace violence and 42.6% know about act in workplace. Majority of nursing students did not report sexual harassment because of 49.7% were afraid of negative consequences. Sexual harassment was significantly associated with age, education, and age group of patient 0.021, .007, .005 respectively.

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Conclusion

Sexual harassment of any type ranging from staring to verbal abuses is major issue. Hence raising awareness of the growing and invisible issue of sexual harassment towards nurses at workplace is most to maintain good working environment.

Keywords: Sexual Harassment, Nursing Students, Private Colleges

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