

Nursing approaches of between floor nurses and visiting nurses of ALS patient

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Background

Japan is facing a super-aging society. Relieve symptoms in the area where the patient is accustomed to live, we have established a medical care system that supports the medical treatment life desired by patients and their families and a care system that supports their lives. There is an urgent need to establish a care system for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) who are highly dependent on medical care.

Aim of the study

This study aims to describe cooperation between floor nurses and home visit nurses who provided nursing to patient suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Methods

Semi-structural interviews were conducted with five floor nurses and nine home visiting nurses the modified grounded theory approach: M-GTA.

Results

The floor nurses generated five concepts, from which three categories were generated. [Quality of nursing], [Family support] and [Collaboration and issues]. From visiting nurses, generated six concepts, three categories were extracted: [Quality of Nursing], [Family support] and [Collaboration and Challenges].

Conclusions and implications

The floor nurses had a nursing perspective that made hospitalization and closer to home life. Both floor nurses and visiting nurses provided support for decision-making and had high expectations for nursing for both. However, the problem was the lack of specific nursing perspectives and information sharing. The findings suggest the need for a tool that enables regular sharing of the background to the “nursing perspective” and “observation perspectives” between floor and visiting nurses.