

HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ATTITUDE TOWARDS TEAM WORK AT CHILDREN CANCER HOSPITAL IN CAIRO

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ABSTRACT

Background: Providing patient care is a team effort that includes registered nurses, physicians, and many other healthcare professionals, optimum care can't achieve by person alone. Therefore, the collaboration between nurses and other professionals is critical for effective practice. Working together is essential, inevitable for effective care and achieving common goals between different disciplines.

Aim: the study aimed to assess the attitude of healthcare professionals' towards teamwork.

Design: A descriptive comparative design was utilized in this study.

Sample: The total study sample consisted of n=450 healthcare professionals composed of nurses (220), physicians (140) pharmacists (90).

Setting: the study was conducted in all departments in a children cancer hospital.

Tool: Data were collected by teamwork attitude questionnaire, it was composed of two parts: first; personal data sheet, second: Teamwork attitude questionnaire (include 54 items) with six dimensions.

Result: Physicians had more scores in leadership (84%) and work values (85.6%). Nurses had more scores in educational collaborative relations (91%), stress, and fatigue (76.3%). While pharmacists had more scores in confidence assertion (78.6%) and lower scores in leadership.

Conclusion: There was a positive attitude among healthcare professionals toward teamwork; physicians had the highest scores followed by nurses then pharmacists.

Recommendations: Create shared continuous educational, in-service programs and workshop especially these with a focus on teamwork and communication.

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