

## Assessment of Nursing Care in Hospitals by Level of Care Dependency of Patients: An Example from Turkey

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The quality of nursing care is influenced by many factors, such as the nurse or the patient. It is thought that the level of care dependence of the patients may also be effective in evaluating the care services offered because they can change their needs and expectations.

The study was carried out as a descriptive study to evaluate the level of care dependency and nursing care services of the patients in hospitals located in a province center in Turkey. The sample consisted of 381 patients in a university and a public hospital. Data collection were used "Care Dependency Scale" and "Nursing Care Assessment Inventory". The data were collected through face-to-face interviews with patients who received informed consent following ethics committee and institutional permission. Mann Whitney U, Kurskall Wallis, Spearman's Correlation Coefficient were used in the evaluation of the data.

55,64% of the respondents were female, 54,07% were over 60 years of age, 56,69% were primary school graduates, 69,03% were colleagues and 94,3% were staying with patients all day revealed. According to the average of maintenance dependency scale score, found to be highly dependent on university hospital ( $66,73 \pm 17,23$ ), fully dependent in state hospital ( $75,74 \pm 11,02$ ). On the provincial basis, the average nursing care assessment score was found to be  $218,77 \pm 28,32$  with good care at advanced level. But the total score of the nursing care assessment of patients in the state hospital is significantly lower than that in the university hospital ( $z: -3,576$ ,  $p=0,001$ ).

Patients described nursing care as good care at an advanced level in both provinces. No significant relationship was found between the level of care dependence and the assessment point evaluation of nursing care in the study.

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