

Determining Nursing Research Priorities in Lao People's Democratic Republic: A Modified Delphi Study

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

nursing

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Asia - Laos

Why was it conducted at all?

Determining research priorities is important not only to support evidence-based nursing practice, but also to direct nursing research based on the needs of each country. However, there is no single study identified in Lao People's Democratic Republic that sets research priorities in nursing.

What was the objective?

to gain consensus from experts on the priorities of nursing research in Lao People's Democratic Republic

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 13 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

Delphi

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: Delphi round 1: focus group discussion: to identify and discuss research priorities in nursing education, nursing management and nursing services, participants were asked: "What are research topic priorities that you think is important in nursing education, management and service? And why do you choose that topic?", 58 research topics were generated. Step 2: data processing: thematic content analysis, topics were compared, contrasted and clustered, resulting in 13 topics. Step 3: Delphi round 2: list of 13 topics, participants were asked to rate the importance of each topic. Step 4: Delphi round 3: participants were asked to re-rate the 13 topics based on round 2 group ratings

Which stakeholders took part?

All directors of nursing, clinical nurse specialists, nurse managers (all grades), health-care providers, nursing staff, and other health stakeholders who are closely involved in all levels of health services. Delphi round 1: 13 participants. Delphi round 2 and 3: 20 participants: 4 registered nurses/midwives, 4 nursing administrators, 8 nursing teachers/educators, 4 others.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Experts were selected using a purposive sampling from all elements of organization to gather all perspectives in nursing.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.