

Determining the National Flight Nurses Association's Research Priorities

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

flight nursing

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

North America - Canada; North America - USA

Why was it conducted at all?

Increased federal attention to nursing research has prompted professional nursing organizations to develop research programs identifying areas of scientific knowledge most needed for professional and clinical practice.

What was the objective?

to identify significant aspects of flight nursing practice for which the scientific base is inadequate or the outcomes of interventions are uncertainties, to identify research topics appropriate for securing research funding, to increase awareness of research by involving nurses nationally in a research project and to explore research topics of national commonality while addressing the needs of patient populations unique to air medical programs

What was the outcome?

a list of 6 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: participants were asked to identify the five most important issues involved in the practice of flight nursing, 449 questions submitted. Step 2: data processing: data analysis: selecting questions or issues identified five times or more, resulting in list of 26 items. Step 3: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to rank the 26 items thereby considering the value of the item to the profession and its impact on patient well-being

Which stakeholders took part?

National Flight Nurses Association (NFNA's) members. Delphi round 1: 127 participants. Delphi round 2: 45 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Delphi round 1: Using a systematic sample, surveys were mailed in early August 1993 to 500 NFNA members nationally and internationally. The sample included every third NFNA member compiled from a 1,500- member mailing list from NFNA national headquarters. Delphi round 2: Members attending the NFNA meeting at the Air Medical Transport Conference in St Louis in October 1993 were asked to complete the Round II survey.

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.