

Research Priorities of Oncology Nurses in the Republic of Ireland

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

oncology nursing

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Europe - Ireland

Why was it conducted at all?

Although cancer-nursing research has been richly described in the literature, cancer-nursing studies are still in their infancy and there are also concerns on the use of research findings in practice. Many cancer-nursing research studies focus on a researcher's particular interests rather than research priority areas identified by clinically based staff. Generally, nursing research has developed in an ad hoc manner with little direction and planning. The establishment of research priorities is strongly recommended. There are many benefits in establishing research priorities at local and national levels, in particular, it helps focus research activities and document a country's changing trends and highlights deficiencies with the dissemination of research findings. Research priorities in oncology nursing can provide a basis for clinical practice, education, and research. In addition, research priorities identified by oncology nurses in different roles and practice settings provide valuable information to oncology care stakeholders such as governments and institutions, for decision making around research funding and healthcare policy.

What was the objective?

to determine the research priorities of oncology nurses in the Republic of Ireland

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 10 research areas

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

survey

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: survey containing 57 research areas identified in previous study, participants were asked to select their top 5 priorities from research priority list, participants were asked to rate each of the 57 research areas, participants were also asked to document any other areas that they felt should be a research priority but was not on research priority list

Which stakeholders took part?

All the nurses employed in major specialist center. 79 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Participants were registered nurses permanently employed by the hospital. Agency nurses and the researcher were excluded from the study. The sample included all of the nurses employed in this major specialist center (N=119).

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.