

Research Priorities and Concerns of Plastic Surgical Nurses

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

plastic surgery

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

North America - USA

Why was it conducted at all?

In order for research to have an impact on practice, the findings of the studies must be utilized by practitioners. The advancement of nursing knowledge to improve clinical plastic surgical nursing practice is a priority for the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgical Nurses (ASPRSN). With alterations in reimbursement for health care, plastic surgical nursing is in the process of making major changes in its practice. Meeting the expectations of patients, policy makers, insurance companies, and managed care organizations will require increased responsibilities throughout nursing, including high-quality research and the utilization of those findings to develop the scientific base for advanced plastic surgical nursing practice. In addition, dissemination of research findings through regional and national publications is encouraged.

What was the objective?

to determine the specific research priorities and perspectives of practicing plastic surgical nurses

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 9 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: consisting of research priorities with regard to nursing practice, participants were asked to rate and rank those areas

Which stakeholders took part?

Plastic surgical nurses. 312 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Participants were from the ASPRSN National Membership Office that included all 1,500 members. After a random start, every third name was chosen for inclusion in the study and the Plastic Surgery Nursing Survey was mailed to these randomly selected members.

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.