

Research Priorities of VA Nurses

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

VA nursing

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

North America - USA

Why was it conducted at all?

In 2009, our Midwestern Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare system started a nursing research council with the purpose of involving more nurses in research and evidence-based practice (EBP).

What was the objective?

to obtain feedback from nurses about topics they felt were important to study

What was the outcome?

a list of 10 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: survey asking nurses to identify patient care problems or issues that needed to be studied at the VA. Step 2: data processing: cleaning and content analysis, resulting in 95 research priorities. Step 3: Delphi round 2: nurses were asked to rate priority of the 95 potential research items

Which stakeholders took part?

Nurses. Delphi round 1: 268 participants. Delphi round 2: 274 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Council members used a number of strategies to educate nurses about the survey and encourage them to participate, including attending staff and council meetings and individual discussions with staff at various times of the day on all shifts.

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.