EXPERIENCE OF THE STUFF CAREGIVERS IN THE NURSING HOMS FROM CARING FROM ALZHEIMER’S PATIENTS

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Introduction: About 18 million people suffer from Alzheimer all around the world and it will increase 1 million annually. Patient’s needs and care giver’s difficulty finally leads to transferring patients to the nursing homes. Nursing home’s environment and care should provide safety and well being of the patients. Understanding caring experience of stuff can improve the quality of care and patients quality of life.

Methods: In this study, 10 female and 3 male stuff caregivers in nursing homes were selected based on purposeful sampling method and were interviewed. Data were analyzed using content analysis method. After data immersion, the interview texts were transcribed verbatim and nearly 850 initial cods were extracted. These initial cods were reevaluated and eventually 4 main themes and 19 sub-themes were developed.

Results: Findings of this qualitative research emphasized on 4 main themes including: basement of caring, aspects of caring, caring specialty, stuff specialty, which explained conceptualization of care among the study participants.

Conclusion: These study findings explained care concept as well as it was created from stuffs’ perspective. It is worth noting that caring experience of participants is mainly based on their own personal experiences. To improve nursing home environment and stuff training will improve care quality and patients quality of life.