Toward evaluating “The Practice Template for Health in Families with Breast Cancer” for Use in Practice

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Abstract

The research project includes the early processes for a descriptive, evaluative study on refining “The Practice Template for Health in Families with Breast Cancer” (Anderson & Moch, 2007). The Practice Template is a tool which calls attention to family issues related to breast cancer, assesses important family areas, and facilitates interventions for families at risk. The goal of the Practice Template is to assist oncology nurses’ to incorporate research into their interventions when working with a woman/family dealing with breast cancer during a clinic visit. Through open-ended interview questions, investigators from Wisconsin and Florida will gather data in regards to the Practice Template’s content necessary for practice, resonance with practice, usefulness for practice, barriers in practice and completeness. The interviewees will be Advanced Practice Oncology nurses from three institutions in Wisconsin and three institutions in Florida. After collection and consolidation of the interview data, the Practice Template will be revised in preparation for future research on its feasibility into practice. The poster shares the initial steps in conducting this descriptive study.

Interview Questions

1. In your practice, do you think the needs of families dealing with breast cancer are currently addressed? If so, how? If not, what is needed?

2. Overall, what are your impressions about the usefulness of the Practice Template? What seems useful and what does not seem useful?

3. Does the Practice Template address all areas of importance to families dealing with breast cancer? If not, what is missing?

4. If you were to use a template similar to this in your practice, what steps would be involved in using the template in your particular practice setting?

5. What are the barriers for implementing this tool in your setting?

6. What other suggestions do you have for improving the template or for improving care with families dealing with breast cancer in general?

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Approval

Through guidance from involved faculty members, the IRB forms were completed by the undergraduate students for the university which they attend. Collaboration between students occurred in order to finalize the IRB process.

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