Study to assess the knowledge of registered nurses regarding bioethics in selected setting, Mangaluru

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Abstract
Introduction: Ethics is the application of values and moral rules to human activities. The term can also be used to deal with the life-related ethical issues, especially when there is an unavailability of medical resources. Objective: The study was conducted to assess the level of knowledge on bioethics among registered nurses and to find the association between the knowledge score and selected baseline variables. Materials and Methods: A descriptive survey design was adopted for this study, using a convenient sampling of 150 registered nurses. A validated structured knowledge questionnaire was used to assess the knowledge of the registered nurses regarding bioethics. Results: The knowledge score obtained by the participants is – excellent 10 (6.7%), very good 66 (44%), good 59 (39.3%) and poor 15 (10%). This study shows that there is an adequate knowledge regarding bioethics among the registered nurses.

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