Abstract

Quasi – experimental study was carried out the Emergency unit in Aljomhory Teaching Hospital and Mosul General Hospital in Mosul city from 15th of January 2008 to 7th of April 2008.

The study aims to assess the effectiveness of instructional health program on Knowledge and practices of nurses, about food poisoning.

Assessment of needs was done to evaluate the needs for the instructional program. The result of the assessment revealed the nurses poor knowledge and practice toward their food poisoning. The sample is non – probability (purposive) consisted of 50 Nurses selected and divided into two groups : 25 were considered as the experimental a study group and the other 25 considered as the control group. An instructional program was constructed, and three format format were developed, one of assessing demographic characteristics of sample, the other two for assessing Nurses knowledge and practice.

Reliability of the tool was determined through, validity of instrument was determined through content validity by panel of experts.

Pre – test was done for both groups, instructional program was applied only for the study group from 2nd February to 6th February 2008, then the First post – test was applied after 1 week and the follow up after one month from 1st post test and after two months.

Analysis of data was performed through application of descriptive and inferential statistics.

The results revealed that the nurses of the study group had benefited from the implementation of instructional program, their knowledge and practice were significantly improved as compared the control group.

The researcher recommends that the ministry of health should provide place or establish a center in hospital to educate the nurses. Moreover, an instructional program might be useful constructed and implemented in hospital for patients of food poisoning.