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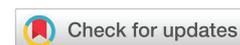
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Factors influencing the development and implementation of pediatrics in family-centered care model: A scoping review

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Abstract

Introduction: Family-Centered Care (FCC) in neonatal healthcare emphasizes collaborative efforts between medical staff and families. This approach, rooted in mutual respect and active family participation, aims to enhance infant care outcomes. However, understanding the underlying forces behind FCC interventions remains challenging due to the diverse methods employed in healthcare practices.

Methods: We conducted a scoping review in June 2023. We searched Embase, Medline, CINAHL, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI), PubMed, and PsycINFO. Inclusion criteria encompassed English language studies on Family-centered care and related factors, without date or geographic restrictions.

Results: Fifteen pertinent studies meeting the inclusion criteria were identified. Five pivotal components of modern FCC emerged: effective communication, active patient and family involvement, robust family support systems, organizational considerations, and the nurturing attitude of nurses.

Discussion: Family-centered care emerges as a comprehensive healthcare approach focusing on the interdependence of patients, healthcare professionals, and families. By recognizing this interconnection, FCC seeks to ensure the satisfaction and well-being of all stakeholders. Implementing FCC strategies presents challenges, emphasizing the need for continuous exploration and refinement.

Conclusion: Embracing family-centered care principles enriches patient-centered healthcare by involving families as active partners in the care process. Acknowledging the integral role of families enhances care quality and contributes to improved patient outcomes. Ongoing research and dialogue are essential for refining FCC models, ensuring successful implementation, and fostering patient-centered healthcare environments.

Introduction

Family-Centered Care (FCC) is a concept of care that relies on collaboration between the family and the medical staff to provide care to a newborn who is ill. The cooperative relationship is founded on decency and respect, information

exchange, and the involvement of the family via their developed abilities to provide crucial infant care [1]. If they are not included in the care of unwell newborns, parents frequently report feeling distressed, frustrated, and alienated. However, if parents are given the chance to participate in treatment, receive honest updates on their newborn's condition from



medical professionals, and build relationships with those same professionals, they will feel satisfied and under less stress [2]. FCC implementation has been found to shorten preterm infants' hospital stays, improve their health, enable more effective use of human resources, and promote parent-infant bonding. Particular FCC techniques, like as parent-provided kangaroo (skin-to-skin) care, boost weight growth, improve rates of effective breastfeeding, and prevent baby mortality and illness. Additionally, Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) influences a newborn's brain development by regulating heart rate, oxygenation, and sleep quality [3]. It is found to have long-term effects on IQ and attention among newborns born with neurological vulnerability [4]. Among other benefits, KMC reduces a baby's stress and pain [5] while it may also have maternal benefits such as preventing postpartum depression [6]. In the first six months, mothers who gave KMC to their children showed signs of reduced anxiety and depression symptoms as well as more pleasant relationships with their offspring [7]. Infant massage increases alertness before and after feeding [8] and has been shown to contribute to daily weight gain and reduced length of stay [9]. Massaging infants is also seen to reduce maternal anxiety and depression [10]. When moms are present in the NICU, breastfeeding becomes feasible and frequent, which ultimately improves newborn health outcomes. Breastfeeding has been shown to boost IQ, prevent childhood illnesses and malocclusion, and reduce obesity and diabetes. Breastfeeding moms had a lower risk of diabetes, breast cancer, and ovarian cancer [11]. According to a randomized controlled experiment (RCT) in India, moms who participated in FCC for their unwell babies saw higher rates of breastfeeding than mothers in the control group, whose sick newborns got standard clinical treatment [12]. The difficulty is to pinpoint the driving forces behind these intervention measures because there are several implemented methods including FCC and related measures.

Methods

Eligibility criteria

Study design: For the purposes of this review, experimental studies, observational studies, descriptive designs, qualitative research, and gray literature were all taken into consideration.

Types of studies: The research on the variables affecting the adoption of the child-centered care approach by families or children. Implementation methods, risks, rewards, and finance models are just a few of the subjects the plan may address. The job health settings, such as community, emergency, home, or inpatient wards, including continuation services, can serve as the foundation for the focused care approach. Studies were disregarded if they weren't written in English or didn't include a comprehensive strategy for the center-of-care model's results and procedures.

Search methods for inclusion of studies

Electronic searches: An initial scoping review was performed to identify gaps within the literature. A search of Medline and Google Scholar served to identify additional

keywords for the search strategy. Terms related to, children, pediatrics ('pediatrics*', 'Pediatric Emergency Medicine', 'Pediatric Emergency', 'child*'); terms related to centered care model*, 'centered*', 'care*', 'framework*', 'model*'); and terms related to the family ('Families*', 'Family Member*') were used to identify further key terms. We trialled the initial search strategy which included a search using terms related to advanced practice nursing. The first 3300 records returned were reviewed. " Once all terms were agreed upon by all authors, concepts were combined with Boolean operators 'AND' and 'OR'. A three-step search process was implemented. The initial studies were identified through a systematic search of eight electronic databases (Embase, Medline, CINAHL, Web of Science, Cochrane Library, Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI), PubMed, and PsycINFO) in June 2023. A hand search was conducted from reference lists of published systematic reviews and relevant topical papers. A gray literature search strategy, was used to complement the research literature, and was framed by key stages: involved a review of gray literature websites with a focus placed on children or family members with family-centered care model frameworks; no timeframe parameters were used. Title screening was performed by two independent reviewers within Endnote X9. The abstract screening was then completed independently by two reviewers. Studies were deemed appropriate for a full-text analysis if the a priori eligibility criteria were addressed. Full-text screening was undertaken by three independent reviewers.

Data extraction

Three separate research members independently retrieved data from pertinent papers using a modified version of the JBI standard data extraction tool (Joanna Briggs Institute 2017). Data retrieved addressed the following topics: nation, research design, sample size, demographics of the sample, setting, program type (specific to the profession), data collection techniques, and information on the subjects covered by programs or models.

Data synthesis

Data extracted from each study were narratively synthesised by three independent research members. Study characteristics of the included literature are displayed in Table 1.

Results

A total of 15,165 references were retrieved. After duplicates were removed, a total of 5,980 references remained for title screening. Of these, 744 titles were accepted by both reviewers, and abstracts were assessed, with 243 abstracts meeting the eligibility criteria. A further 198 items were excluded at the full-text review as not meeting the inclusion criteria. Reasons for exclusion included incorrect criteria ($n = 83$), did not address inclusion criteria relating to the model ($n = 97$), and lack of access to full-text articles ($n = 48$). A total of 15 peer-reviewed articles were included in the database review (Figure 1).

For modern family-centered care, these components are essential. Five crucial elements of family-centered care have

**Table 1:** Characteristics of literature

No.	Authors, date	Factors
1	Hertel, et al. [20]	All stakeholders benefit when patients are treated equally as partners in healthcare. Patient engagement may be increased via organizational design.
2	Petry, Ernst, Seinbrüchel-Boesch, Altherr, & Naef [17]	Seven fundamental dimensions were found. Family members appreciated access to personnel and information, participation in care, and support throughout the time when it came to providing care for people with cognitive impairment. Caring attention and responsiveness were also significant. Their experience of hospitalization was largely influenced by the infrastructure of the hospital and the resources that were available.
3	Deek, et al. [19]	Patients with chronic diseases have benefited by including their families in self-care.
4	Foster, et al. [18]	Family care planning and goal-setting, liaison between families and services, instrumental, emotional, and social support, evaluation, psychoeducation, and a coordinated system of care between families and providers are the six fundamental and interconnected family-focused practices.
5	Wolff, et al. [24]	Patients who have had decision-making delegated are less engaged and have low self-esteem. Communication with medical personnel is facilitated by companions. Ambiguity in the companion's comprehension of the patient's demands may be detrimental.
6	Mitchell, Chaboyer, Burmeister, & Foster [15]	The respect, cooperation, support, and overall ratings on the family-centered care survey at 48 hours are all considerably raised when caregivers collaborate with patients' families to offer basic care to the patients.
7	Luttik, et al. [23]	In general, nurses valued patient treatment that involved family members. The aggressive inclusion of families in patient care was met with less positive attitudes. Higher nursing education levels are associated with nurses' more positive attitudes toward the involvement of families in healthcare.
8	Davidson, et al. [13]	Guidelines for family-centered care with regards to family communication, family presence, family support, consultations with the intensive care unit team, and operational and environmental difficulties.
9	Benzein, Johansson, Årestedt, Berg, & Saveman [26]	The article discusses the creation and evaluation of the Families' Importance in Nursing Care-Nurses' Attitudes (FINC-NA) research instrument, which was created to assess nurses' attitudes toward the significance of engaging families in nursing care.
10	Kokorelias, Gignac, Naglie, & Cameron [14]	Key components to facilitate family-centered care are a collaboration between family members and health care providers; consideration of family contexts; policies and procedures; patient, family, and health care professional education.
11	Mackie, Mitchell, & Marshall, [21]	The majority of patients and families found it difficult to participate in care decisions or processes because they felt that staff communication was disjointed and insufficient. The standard of medical care was raised when patients' families felt empowered and got involved.
12	Gusdal, Josefsson, Adolfsson, & Martin [25]	Registered nurses promoted the involvement of families. Asking families to actively participate in heart failure nursing care was met with less favorable opinions. The most helpful attitudes were indicated with postgraduate specialization, training in cardiac and/or heart failure nursing care, and the capacity to work well with families.
13	Whiston, Barry, O'Keane, & Darker [22]	Patients and family members need to be updated on how their opinions are used.
14	Hsu, et al. [29]	Identification of key components of dignity and respect in family-centered care: building relationship; providing individualized care; respecting patients' time.
15	Park, Giap, Lee, Jeong & Go, [16]	The literature review showed that patient- and family-centered care could be a critical approach for improving the quality of health care.

been discovered: communication; involvement of patients and family members; support to family members; organizational aspects and suggestions and attitude of nurses.

Communication

Any intersubjective reality must include communication as one of its distinguishing features. The necessity of appropriate and accurate information exchange in family-centered care was underlined in a number of the studies that we evaluated for this study. This was accomplished by either highlighting the benefits of effective communication [13-17].

Poor health literacy among patients and family members is one reason for disconnected communication, which frequently greatly reduces their involvement and participation in care [15]. The importance of education in relation to the post-hospitalization phase is thus emphasized by some authors [17], as well as the importance of education regarding care provision and disease [14]. It is important to provide information in a way that will help patients and their families grasp it [15].

On the other hand, healthcare professionals frequently disregard patients' and family members' low levels of health literacy [15]. Some authors emphasized the significance of healthcare provider education and training [13,16] because it facilitates communication, equips professionals to work with patients and family members who have varying levels of health literacy, and enables them to identify the needs and shortfalls of patients and their families [18]. Nurses spend the most time providing direct patient care of any medical professional, thus it's critical that they communicate well [15]. Communication is always two-sided, thus it's important for medical professionals to have a grasp of their patients' conditions through the distinct and specialized knowledge that only patients and their families can offer [15].

Involvement of patients and family members

The active involvement of the patient and family members in the medical process is one of the distinguishing traits of family-centered care. The publications we used for our study referred to patient and family involvement in medical

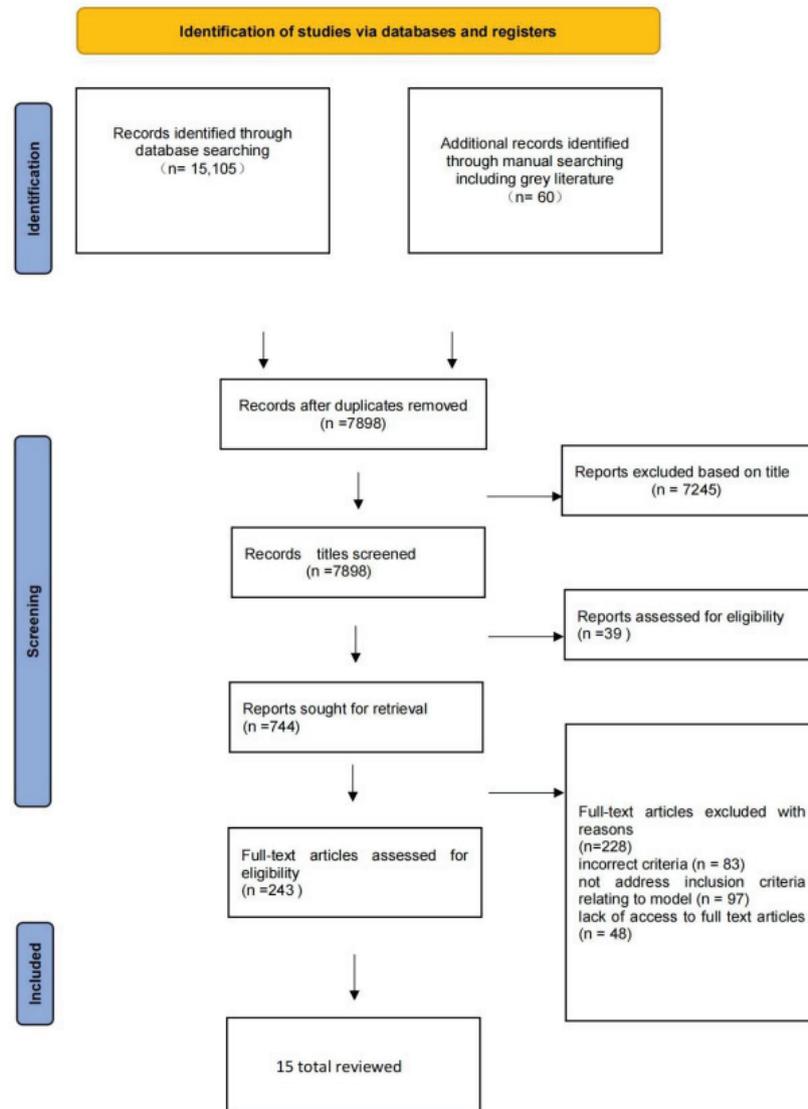


Figure 1: Prisma flow diagram.

procedures using the following two terms: involvement [19–21] and participation [13,16–17,22].

These two concepts are linked and were frequently used in the same sentence. Patient and family participation occurs when the opinions and experiences of patients and families are sought out and taken into consideration in healthcare, according to Whiston, Barry, O’Keane, and Darker [22]. The notion of patient involvement stems from the tenet that patients should receive comprehensive care [21] and is consequently inextricably linked to the idea of family-centered care, which emphasizes the significance of the intersubjective unit of care made up of a patient, family members, and healthcare professionals. There are several ways that patients and family members can participate in the medical procedure.

They are able to take part in important caregiving activities, information exchange, and cooperative decision-making [16]. Global consensus has been reached about the significance of

patient involvement in healthcare [22]. It increases patient, family, and healthcare provider satisfaction [20], improves healthcare process outcomes [19] and aids in preserving patient and family control over care delivery [14].

The beneficial impact that family members may have on the patient is another crucial component of family engagement in health care procedures [15]. However, healthcare professionals occasionally voice their reluctance to include family members in the healthcare process [23]. According to Mitchell, Chaboyer, Burmeister, and Foster [18,21], the intricacy of their job may be the root of these scruples, while other scholars have noted that lack of experience and education may also be to blame [23].

Support to family members

The support given to family members and patients is another feature of family-centered care that was frequently emphasized by the authors [14,16–17]. Family members and patients can receive a variety of types of assistance, including



practical, emotional, and social support (which aims to improve social skills) [18].

Physical assistance is a crucial component of family-centered care [16]. Family members may have detrimental effects on their own well-being, hence it is critical that models of family-centered care are supportive of them in such circumstances [14]. According to Petry, Ernst, Seinbrüchel-Boesch, Altherr, & Naef [17], engaging family members in the healthcare process inherently boosts family members' happiness. However, due to their ambiguous knowledge of the viewpoints of the patients, several investigators discovered potential harmful effects of the family members' support [24].

Organizational aspects and suggestions

Any network of connected variables is greater than the sum of its parts. This premise serves as the foundation for the idea of family-centered care. So, in the context of family-centered care, a number of authors emphasized the significance of organizational solutions. In actuality, this implies that rules should be put in place that would encourage family-centered care [13]. Typically, writers recommended that institutions that offer healthcare also adopt rules that would take into account the needs and desires of its staff, patients, and families [13,14]. The authors suggested initiatives to improve the communication abilities of healthcare professionals [13]. Encouragement of family and patient involvement in health care was another crucial component of the suggested policy [18]. Such policies ought to address several facets of family-centered care, including family support, communication, operational challenges, and environmental concerns [13].

Attitudes of nurses

One of the aspects emphasized by the authors is the connection between healthcare practitioners' willingness or capacity to include patients and family members and the standard of treatment [23]. The way nurses view their function in the family is likely to have an impact on the encounter's quality. While negative attitudes cause nurses to minimize family participation, good attitudes are necessary for welcoming and including families in nursing care [25].

An assessment tool for nurses' views on the significance of families in nursing care was developed by Luttik et al., Benzein et al. [23,26] and Gusdal, Josefsson, Adolfsson, & Martin both employed this instrument further [25]. Because they spend the most time with patients and their families, nurses have a vital role in the delivery of healthcare [14]. In general, nurses advocate family engagement and concur that having family members there is crucial [23,25]. However, findings from both research indicated that opinions regarding including family members in the patient's treatment were less favorable [23,25]. The opinions of older, more seasoned nurses and younger, less educated nurses seemed to diverge. Nurses with higher education and experience were more supportive of family engagement [23,25]. Both of the research emphasized that younger nurses are more attentive to specific patients and preoccupied with their own learning while attempting to

explain the causes of this trend [23,25]. They feel as though they are being examined while the family is there, which adds to their stress [23]. Both studies [23,25] emphasized the value of education on the role of families and active family engagement in patient treatment, and both called for an organizational-level solution. Gusdal, Josefsson, Adolfsson, & Martin [25] proposed encouraging older, more seasoned nurses to mentor and coach their younger, less seasoned coworkers in order to improve the latter's supportive views toward families [28].

Discussion

When doing our evaluation, we looked for five key aspects of family-centered care that were emphasized in the publications. These include the significance of communication, family and member engagement, support for family members, organizational factors and recommendations, and nursing attitudes regarding family involvement. We can infer some implications from the aforementioned findings and recommendations. The first is that effective and efficient healthcare depends on positive relationships between patients, their families, and medical professionals. From our concept of family-centered care as an intersubjective reality, it is already possible to draw this conclusion. The importance of relationships between parties involved, which elevate the system as a whole above the mere sum of its parts, is particularly evident in the inter-subject of family-centered care. It has been emphasized several times that proper relationships in some way affect everyone's enjoyment. This is why several authors emphasized the value of effective communication, which enables patients, families, and healthcare professionals to effectively convey their needs, opinions, and requests.

Another significant factor that commonly occurred in the publications under evaluation was the involvement of patients and family members at different stages of the healthcare process [29]. As a result, it is founded on one of the fundamental tenets of family-centered care, which holds that because patients and families make up a unit of care, it is essential that they participate in some way in the delivery of healthcare. Family engagement is also founded on the idea that patient and family expertise may be particularly valuable to the success of the healthcare process when family-centered treatment is provided. Parents may have stronger beliefs about their parental role when having the opportunity to accompany their baby and be empowered by medical staffs [27]. So, including family members enhances healthcare outcomes while also boosting satisfaction among patients, healthcare professionals, and family members. Family members' need for assistance depends on effective communication and relationships. The ability of healthcare professionals to accurately assess health literacy and other competencies of family members and patients is crucial in providing help to families [30].

The necessity for organizational solutions to the problems observed was mentioned in almost all of the articles reviewed. This method is also predicated on the idea that problems may be effectively addressed and solved by forging good relationships. Organizational solutions go beyond the capabilities of each party that is involved and place those parties in a way that



maximizes happiness for all parties [31]. Because they take into account all parties involved, organizational solutions are essential for family-centered care. A frequent example of the necessity for organizational solutions is the requirement for regulations that would organize various components of family-centered care. Because of this, organizational solutions are able to consider the happiness of all parties and do not focus just on one.

Nurses are among the healthcare professionals who maintain regular contact with patients and their families. The ability of nurses to build strong relationships with patients and family members is essential for providing family-centered care since only in this way can patients and family members experience better levels of satisfaction [32]. Because it evaluates nurses' views regarding family participation and identifies factors that impact such attitudes, the instrument created by Benzein, Johansson, Restedt, Berg, and Saveman [26] is crucial in this field.

The effectiveness of healthcare suffers when nurses have a bad attitude towards involving family members in the healing process. This fact can be understood in light of the intersubjective nature of all medical procedures. The degree of ultimate efficacy and of everyone's happiness is reduced when proper relationships are somehow harmed and are not established [33]. Since only then can we address them and strive to overcome them with a methodical solution that takes into account all involved parties, it is crucial to understand the causes of unfavorable attitudes toward including family members in the healthcare process.

Conclusion

Family-centered care is a healthcare delivery strategy that seeks to improve results by taking into account all stakeholders involved in the delivery of care. Its fundamental belief is that because patients, healthcare professionals, and family members are all components of a system, their pleasure is interdependent. Family-centered care offers a methodical strategy that considers all the parties involved in order to maximize everyone's pleasure. Proper and accurate communication, which is a fundamental dynamic of every inter-subjective reality, is essential to this solution. Numerous issues that influence communication should be addressed by effective policies. The attitudes of nurses toward involving family members in healthcare operations are a crucial component of family-centered care.

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