



Global needs in Clinical Nursing Practice

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What does this mean

- How do we define our needs?
- How do we even define what we do?
- Where do I start?



Role of PICU nurse throughout world

- Contacted my colleagues throughout world
- Brainstormed ideas and thoughts
- Literature review



Important Issues for Critical Care Nurses

Top 10

World Federation of Critical Care Nurses

(Williams (2005) Pediatric Intensive Care Nursing 6(2) 2005)

- Staffing Levels
- Working Conditions
- Access to quality educational programmes
- Wages
- Practice guidelines
- Work activities
- Teamwork
- Advanced Practice
- Relationships with doctors
- Formal accreditation processes

Common Themes

- Meeting local health needs
- Dynamic workforce
- Nursing Research
- Political Influence
- Leadership
- Education, Education, Education
- Power & Empowerment



Global Nursing Research Agenda

Sigma Theta Tau International 2005

- Health promotion and disease prevention
 - HIV
 - Infection control
 - Preventable diseases
- Advocacy and promotion of health
- Quality of health care and patient safety
 - Improving the experience for child and family
 - Reducing error



Research Agenda contd

- Evidence-based practice & translational research
- Patient centred care
 - Pain assessment
 - Prevention & management of altered skin integrity
 - Reducing HAI
 - Evolving technologies (Pedreira 2007)
- Palliative & end-of-life care
- Development of nurse researchers and educators
- Working environment



Political Influence

- Nursing influence on health policy
- Resource strapped environments
- Access to health care for the critically ill child & their family
- Ethical impact of our work



United Nations Millennium Goals

- Eradicate extreme poverty & hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality
- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS
- Ensure environmental sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

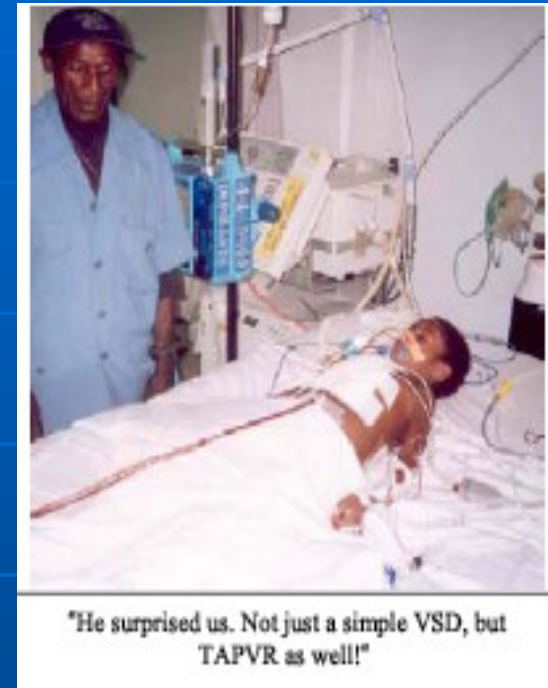
Leadership

- “Leadership is about influencing and making decisions. It is about taking appropriate actions at appropriate times. Leadership is about projecting ourselves and those around us into a future that is better. Effective leaders influence. They teach. They are role models. They evoke confidence in others.”
Fitzpatrick 1996



Leadership

- Challenge the process
- Inspire a shared vision
- Enable others to act
- Model the way
- Encourage the heart
(Kouzes & Posner 1995)
- Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.
(Mother Teresa)



Education, education, education

- Dissemination of knowledge & skills
- Standards for nurse education
- Opportunity
- Easily accessible recourses
- Long-term view
- Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
(Nelson Mandela)

Power & Empowerment

- Power has negative connotations in nursing
- Advocacy for child & family
- Knowledge is Power (Foucault 1978)
- Nurses as an oppressed group?
- Empowerment/Enabling as a concept
 - Independence
 - Responsibility
 - Autonomy



Networking

- Local
- National
- International



Ethos of the Congress

- Dialogue around the world
- Inspiration and motivation
- Sharing the passion
- “What a small world”

The Last Word

I think one's feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled into actions which bring results."

Florence Nightingale

