


Home hospitalization – lived experience of the sick person: scoping review

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Abstract

Background

To understand the lived experience of sick people hospitalized in Home Hospitalization, the adoption of a qualitative methodology makes it possible to perceive the perception that people have about the care received and whether this innovative service is based on the philosophy of centered care on the patient.

Objectives

To identify and map the existing evidence on the lived experiences of sick adult people, about the care received and care philosophy, in Home Hospitalization.

Review Method

A scoping review was conducted according to the methodology recommended by the Joanna Briggs Institute. Taking into account the specificity of the subject under study, there was no temporal restriction on the selection of articles. The inclusion criteria were: Type of participants: Adults with an acute illness or an acute chronic illness; Type of context: Home Hospitalization; Type of concept: Lived experience, as well as the philosophy of person-centered care. In the first step, an initial search was carried out limited to two online databases, CINAHL and MEDLINE, through the EBSCO host database aggregator platform. In the second step, a new search was carried out in the mentioned databases, using all the identified keywords and indexed terms. Research was carried out in other databases (Pubmed, Cochrane and Scopus).

Results

Three studies published between 2014 and 2019 were identified, which differed in the areas of operation of Home Hospitalization; none was carried out in Portugal. Two of the studies address the sick person's lived experience and the other study beyond this approach, evaluates the Home Hospitalization program. In none of the studies is it possible to deepen the philosophy of care.

Conclusion

The three studies were published over 5 years, presenting some elements of the lived experience by the sick person. Further studies should be carried out to understand the lived experience of the sick person on Home Hospitalization as well as to deepen and refine the philosophy of care that support Home Hospitalization.

Keywords

Sick Person; Centered Care; Lived Experience; Home Hospitalization.

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