ABSTRACT

A nurse-physician collaboration constitutes the collaboration between nurses and doctors and sharing of responsibility in order to solve the problems and making decision in formulating and implementing the design for treating patients. Nurses’ and Specialists’ attitudes toward nurse-physician collaboration demonstrate understanding of nurses and specialist toward nurse-physician collaboration. The objective of the research was to know the attitude of nurses and specialists about nurse-physician collaboration and how about the correlation of the attitude of specialists about nurse-physician collaboration with specialists’ work satisfaction, using quantitative approach. The design of the research was descriptive correlation and the population were specialists and nurses who work together caring for patients at RSUP H. Adam Malik Medan. Sampling techniques using simple random sampling with the number 140 specialists and 127 nurses. The data was collected using a questionnaire and analyze the data using
techniques of Pearson product moment correlation test. The result of the research showed that nurses’ attitude toward nurse-doctor collaboration was \( M = 54.13 \) and specialists were \( M = 47.79 \). More than half of the specialists (52.1%) felt unsatisfied with the nurses’ performance, and 50.7% of them felt unsatisfied with the nurses’ capability in communication. There was significant correlation between the specialists’ attitude toward nurse-doctor collaboration and the specialists’ work satisfaction with the value of \( p = 0.009 \) minus \( \alpha \) (0.05) and the correlation power \( (r) \) 0.219. The level of the nurses’ education caused the increase in nurses’ outlook, particularly their attitude toward nurse-physician collaboration and dissatisfaction of specialist caused lack of ability and knowledge nurse about effective communication. It is recommended that the management of the hospital to increase ability and knowledge of nurse, especially in communication.

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