

Abstract

Objective: medical and surgical ward nurses are at the forefront of care provision in the ward setting. In term of caring for patients transferred from ICU, the nurses have responsibility to look after patients by continuing nursing care plan and preventing adverse outcomes. This study aimed to describe the experience of ward nurses in receiving and caring for patients transferred from the ICU.

Method: a qualitative study via face to face and individual semi-structure interview with eight nurses working in the ward setting.

Finding: there were three emerge themes generated, which were *caring with advanced consideration, facilitation of caring, and family involvement in caring for patient.*

Conclusion: ward nurses described that taking care of patient from ICU required advanced consideration because the complexity patient has. Having supportive co-worker and involvement of family in caring for patient help them to take care of patient in the ward setting.

Keyword: *caring, ICU patient, transfers, ward nurse*