

BASIC CARE REVISITED

Introduction

While basic nursing care serves next to all people in their lifetime, it is surprisingly ill-informed by evidence. BASIC CARE REVISITED (BCR) is developed through a unique collaboration of the Nursing Science groups at Radboudumc Nijmegen, University Medical Center Utrecht and Maastricht University (RUM-NS) to build evidence in core nursing practice.

Aim

The aim of BCR is to support evidence based decision making and build a strong (inter-)national research community, putting the need for evidence for basic nursing care on the agenda. Therefore a variety of basic nursing care issues is addressed including: Communication; Eating; Bathing & Dressing and Mobility (see Table 1)



Figure 1: Research community BCR

Table 1. Overview of studies and settings

	Hospital	Home care	Nursing home
Communication	X		X
Eating	X	X	
Bathing & dressing	X	X	X
Mobility	X	X	

Mid-term status of BCR

Intervention studies are currently conducted using an experimental condition compared to usual care (e.g. Cluster RCT, RCT, Randomised Stepped Wedge Design). Process evaluation and studies on cost effectiveness are performed alongside. The initial project group of 3 professors and 6 postdocs was extended by 6 PhD students and over 100 students (Bachelor and Master). A strong international collaboration has been established (see Figure 1). The universities of Adelaide (Australia), Ghent (Belgium), South Hampton (UK), Aalborg (Denmark) and Exeter (UK) have expressed support for the Dutch initiative and underlined the need for more research on basic nursing care.



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