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SIMULATED CLASSROOM IN THE TEACHING OF NURSING ACTIONS IN INTUBATION

AULA SIMULADA NO ENSINO DE AÇÕES DE ENFERMAGEM NA INTUBAÇÃO

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ABSTRACT

Objective: to evaluate the use of the simulated class for the teaching of Nursing actions in tracheal intubation. Method: a quasi-experimental, quasi-experimental, pre-and post-test study with 26 Emergency and Nursing professionals using a questionnaire with 12 multiple choice questions, based on Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support guidelines applied before and after the simulated class. The collected data were analyzed by simple frequency and presented in tables. Results: predominantly female (73%), age between 20-39 years (77%), Nursing technicians category (50%), one to five years of training (46%), tracheal intubation (77%) and without periodic training (81%). It was verified that 81% had knowledge about tracheal intubation and, after the teaching strategy, through simulated class, 98% expanded their knowledge. Conclusion: the simulated class is an effective strategy for the teaching of Nursing professionals about actions in tracheal intubation contributing to the advancement of scientific knowledge. Descriptors: Emergency Nursing; Intervise Training; Intubation; Simulation; Teaching; Knowledge.

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INTRODUCTION

Inability to protect the airways and cases of dysfunction in ventilation and oxygenation trigger the possibility of establishing artificial support, such as tracheal intubation, which is essential for the survival of critically ill patients.1,2

Tracheal intubation is a method of choice in emergency care and requires the preparation of the Nursing team, considering the complexity of risks in the procedure for patient care.3

It should be emphasized that the direct action of tracheal intubation belongs to the medical professional, however, the Nursing team is involved in specific actions before, during and after the procedure, except in emergency situations in which the nurse, with technical training, can perform the tracheal intubation procedure.4

Risks and complications can be minimized through the fulfillment of adequate techniques and it is indispensable to apply frequent training to the professionals involved in the procedure.5

Raising levels of knowledge and skills is a challenge. Teaching strategies, with the implementation of active methodologies in the teaching-learning process, show a better effectiveness in reaching the proposed objectives.5 Among them, the simulated class is highlighted.6

In the simulated class it is possible to create an environment of cases and techniques, with favorable interaction between students and teachers, creating an environment similar to the professional environment, resulting in a satisfactory learning experience in practical situations in a simulated way.6

Studies show that there are flaws in Nursing actions in the care of patients submitted to tracheal intubation, and that strategies that promote behavioral changes through continuous education offer opportunities to improve the quality of care provided.7,8

The relevance of this study lies in the fact of describing the possibility of teaching the actions of Nursing in tracheal intubation through the simulated class fomenting the possibility of qualified, reflexive and scientific assistance.

OBJECTIVE

- To evaluate the use of the simulated class for the teaching of Nursing actions in tracheal intubation.
intubation; tracheal tube in sizes seven, eight and nine; bag-valve-mask; pulse oximeter; disposable mask; glove of procedure; safety glasses, materials and equipment provided by a state public higher education institution in the interior of Minas Gerais.

In the simulated class and in the instrument of evaluation of knowledge about Nursing actions in tracheal intubation, the following items were addressed: use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE); need for pre-oxygenation of the patient prior to tracheal intubation; rigorous conferencing of the functionality of materials and equipment; assessing the need for the administration of sedatives; need to ensure sterility of the tracheal tube; adequate positioning of the patient for the tracheal intubation procedure; cervical immobilization of the patient in trauma victims; adequate patient monitoring during tracheal intubation; adequate volume of cuff pressure of the tracheal tube after intubation; compulsory pulmonary auscultation after tracheal intubation; adequate fixation of the tracheal tube and ensure positive pressure ventilation after tracheal intubation having as reference the guidelines of PHTLS.¹

The instruments and the simulated class were presented to a professor of a state public higher education institution in Minas Gerais, responsible for disciplines related to the EU, and to twenty students of the fourth year of the undergraduate course in Nursing for analysis and adequacy. At the end, there were opportunities for improvements that were promptly adhered to by the researchers, as they were in line with the guidelines adopted.

The data collection took place on December 12, 2016 in three moments: pre-test; workshop “Actions of Nursing in Tracheal Intubation” and post-test. The pre-test was applied immediately after the signing of the ICF and corresponded to the application of the instrument for the characterization of the participant and the questionnaire on the evaluation of knowledge about Nursing actions in tracheal intubation. The second moment corresponded to the application of the workshop, with the accomplishment of the actions of Nursing in the tracheal intubation, using adult mannequin of average fidelity and had duration of 60 minutes. The third and final phase, the post-test, was performed immediately after the simulated class was completed with the reapplication of the questionnaire on the evaluation of knowledge about Nursing actions in tracheal intubation.

The collected data were stored and processed in Microsoft Excel® Electronic Spreadsheet and, for the analysis, the descriptive statistics were used, being analyzed by simple frequency and presented in tables.

The research was approved by the Research Ethics Committee (CEP) 10 of the Passos Higher Education Foundation (CAAE 56567916.7.0000.5112).

RESULTS

Participated in this study 26 Nursing professionals, 19 (73%) female; with a very varied age range, between 20 and 29 years, with ten (38.5%) participants from 30 to 39 years old. The majority (17 = 65%) of the participants worked in the hospital. Regarding the professional category, 13 (50%) were Nursing technicians. About the time of training, (12) 46% of the participants finished the training between one and five years ago.

Concerning the time of action in the EU, it was evidenced that 16 (62%) participants worked in the period from one to five years and the predominant work shift was the morning, with 18 (69%) participants.

It was also identified that the majority of the participants (20 = 77%) had a tracheal intubation at least once a month, and that only five (19%) reported having received training on tracheal intubation after professional training. Twelve (46%) participants answered that they feel safe when working in tracheal intubation.
It highlights the correct use of PPE. Even with the increase in relation to the pre-test, in the post-test it was evidenced that one (4%) participant is not aware of the use of PPE. Regarding pre-oxygenation of the patient before tracheal intubation, both pre-test and post-test had a predominance in correct responses, with 25 (96%) participants.

It is evidenced that the answers regarding the conference of the functionality of materials and equipment, the evaluation of the need for administration of sedatives, the cervical immobilization in victims of trauma, adequate insufflation of the tracheal tube cuff, the pulmonary auscultation after tracheal intubation, adequate fixation of the tracheal tube and use of positive pressure ventilation after tracheal intubation had 100% correct responses, with 25 (96%) participants.

Regarding the item of need for sterility of the tracheal tube, the positioning of the tube with pulmonary auscultation, it was observed that there was prevalence in the correct alternatives both in the pre-test and in the post-test.

It was verified that, before the qualification, in the application of the pre-test, 81% of the participants presented knowledge about the evaluated items of the Nursing actions in the tracheal intubation. Therefore, with the simulated class, in the post-test, 98% of the knowledge of the participating Nursing team was reached.

**DISCUSSION**

It is indispensable the quantity of professionals sufficient to provide quality patient care and, in relation to the nurse, because the professional has many duties, can lead to insufficient care, if he does not have planning and organization of activities.11,12

The age of Nursing professionals does not change or affect the quality of care.13 Nursing professionals aged over 30 years tend to have more security to act in the emergency sector.14

The feminine gender stands out, in this study and in the literature, fact related mainly by the historical trajectory of Nursing, although a movement in the insertion of the man in the profession already is perceived. However, there is a predominance of women in care and, mainly, in the UE.15

The process of training of Nursing professionals, whether technical or superior, should be aimed at acquiring skills by providing them with knowledge, reasoning, perception and sensitivity to human needs, and they should be able to intervene in contexts of uncertainties and complexities.16

In Nursing actions in tracheal intubation, it is essential that nurses use PPE and make a conference on the operation of the necessary equipment for tracheal intubation.17

Frequent complications in the procedure, such as inadequate ventilation, difficulty or even the impossibility of tracheal intubation,
are not uncommon and require constant retraining and training of the professionals involved. 17

Limitations regarding patient placement are evidenced in this study and in the literature. The patient should be in the supine position and using a cushion in the occipital region. 18

Important deauthentication was regarding insufflation of the cuff of the tracheal tube adequately: the same should be with as little air as possible. The recommended pressure is less than the capillary perfusion pressure, ie less than 25mmHg. When superior, there are risks of ischemic injuries, therefore, the need to inflate the cuff with only enough air to seal the exit of air through the mouth. 19

At the same time, the fixation of the tracheal tube should be done with a wide and appropriate lacing, preferable to the fixation by means of “four points” for better safety and minimization of risk of accidental extubation. 20

All patients submitted to tracheal intubation should be monitored with at least pulse oximetry, being attentive to tachycardia, as it is the first manifestation of hypoxemia and hypoxia, while bradycardia is a late sign requiring immediate measures for the improvement of oxygenation. 21-2

In this context, training and skills should be regularly applied to the Nursing team so that there is no harm to the patient due to the team’s failure to perform care. 23

The implementation of an adequate training system in tracheal intubation in UE services is fundamental to ensure better patient care outcomes. 24 At the same time, it is necessary for the nurse to provide permanent and adequate education to the needs of the team for care quality. 25

Innovative teaching strategies, such as the simulated classroom, using manikins for practical demonstration, facilitate learning, improve performance and skills when compared to conventional teaching strategies, as they provide a direct relationship between theory and practice contributing to the adequate professional performance. 26

Thus, it is up to the Nursing team and health institutions to seek teaching and training strategies for better knowledge and care for patients who require tracheal intubation, guaranteeing the excellence of care.

The number of participants in this study can be identified as a limiting factor, however, it is emphasized that it was applied in a city in the interior of Minas Gerais, with a population of 32 participants and, of these, 26 participated in the study.

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated that, despite a relevant index of knowledge of the professionals about Nursing actions in the tracheal intubation before the intervention through the simulated class, there was a significant increase in the knowledge of the participants after the teaching strategy with the use of the simulated class showing its effectiveness for Nursing knowledge and fostering qualified, reflective and scientific assistance.

The need for investments in training and the promotion of new studies on this subject involving other health professionals, mainly related to the skills in the execution of tracheal intubation, are highlighted.

It is hoped that this study may contribute to the Nursing teaching process. It is necessary that the institutions in the training and permanent qualifications aim at better levels of knowledge and, through the use of the teaching strategy through the simulated class, it is possible to optimize the absorption of knowledge.

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