

Perspectives of nurses regarding pain assessment and management during routine infant vaccination in Ghana

Abstract

Aim

To explore the perspectives of nurses regarding pain and its management during routine infant vaccination at the Child Welfare Clinics in Ghana.

Design

Qualitative descriptive design.

Methods

Qualitative in depth, in-person interviews using a semi structured interview guide were conducted with 19 Registered Nurses who were purposively sampled from three selected Child Welfare Clinics in hospitals in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, The Teach content analysis procedure was followed for the analysis of interview data.

Results

Nurses were aware that the injections they give infants are painful. They described how infants exhibit certain behaviors to express pain. Although nurses support infant pain management during vaccination, they rarely use evidenced-based pain interventions.