

**THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NURSES' PERCEPTIONS OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF ONGOING TRAINING AND IMPROVING THE
QUALITY OF NEONATAL NURSING CARE IN THE PERINATOLOGY
WARD OF MAJENANG REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

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ABSTRAK

Neonatal nursing care is a service that requires specific competencies because it is closely related to the safety and survival of newborns. One of the factors that may be associated with the quality of neonatal nursing care is nurse's perceptions of the importance of continuing education and training. A positive perception may encourage the improvement of professional competence and the quality of nursing services. This study aimed to analyze the relationship between nurse's perception of the importance of continuing education and training quality of neonatal nursing care in the perinatology unit of Majenang Regional Public Hospital. This study employed a quantitative approach with a descriptive correlational design using a cross-sectional method. The population consisted of all nurses working in the perinatology unit and pediatric ward of Majenang Regional Public Hospital, with a total sample of 43 respondents selected using total sampling technique. The research instrument was a Likert-scale questionnaire that had been tested for validity and reliability. Data were analyzed using univariate and bivariate analyses with Chi Square tests at a significance level of 0.05. The results showed that almost all respondents had a very good perception of the importance of continuing education and training, and the quality of neonatal nursing care was categorized as very good. The Chi Square test result indicated that there was no significant relationship between nurse's perception of the importance of continuing education and training and the quality of neonatal nursing care in the Perinatology Unit of Majenang Regional Public Hospital (p value = 0.876). It is recommended that hospital management continue to improve structured and sustainable continuing education and training programs to support the enhancement of neonatal nursing care quality.

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