

Abstract**Original Article****Paediatric Parents and Nurses Perception of Family – Centered Nursing Care in Southwest Nigeria****Ibilola Okunola, RN, RM, BNSC, MSc (Nursing)**

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Background: Literature abounds of the positive impacts of Family-Centered Nursing Care on the outcome of paediatric care. However, despite the near-universal adoption of Family-Centered Care in paediatric hospitals, there is paucity of literature on what forms Family centered nursing care in the paediatric population in Nigeria.

Aims: This study examined paediatric parents (PP) and nurses' perceptions of Family – Centered Nursing care behaviors to be most and least important.

Methodology: A descriptive design was used, University College Hospital, Ibadan and Massy Street Children Hospital, Lagos State, South-West Nigeria were the study settings. Purposive sampling technique was adopted to select 323 parents while simple random sampling used to recruit 176 nurses who participated in the study. A modified Family Centered Care Scale (FCCS) was used for data collection. Data was analyzed using descriptive statistics, t- test and multiple regression.

Results: The Family Centered nurse-caring behaviours mostly perceived as caring by the paediatric parents was “Use my suggestions about how to care for your child (4.46 ± 1.496) while nurses perceived “Parents are given detail explanations about changes they could be expected from their condition (4.48 ± 0.985) as the most important. Age (p = 0.03), education (p = 0.02) influenced paediatric parents perception of Family centered nursing care behaviors and length of hospital stay (p = 0.96) did not influence it. Nurses age (0.08) did not influence their perception of Family centered nursing care behaviors but years of paediatric experience (0.02) influenced it. There was no statistical significant difference in the paediatric Parents and Nurses perception Family centered nursing care behaviors (p = 0.90).

Conclusions: Paediatric parents and nurses perceived these items to be important for FCNC. Therefore, these should be incorporated into nursing practice and nursing education in Nigeria in providing sense of care.

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