

Abstract

Ethical principles for global health nursing: Promoting equity in practice

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Background/ Issue

The number of nurses who participate in global health projects continues to grow. Many of these projects are long-term partnerships but others are short-term service experiences where nurses from primarily high income countries (HICs) travel to low-middle income countries (LMICs). To address the need for ethical principles to guide nurses in global health the *Ethical Principles and Guidelines for Global Health Nursing Practice* were developed.

Description

Using a Delphi approach, the research included three rounds that began with a focus group of nursing experts to determine statements for the second and third round ranking. The outcome of the study was 10 ethical principles and 30 guidelines for global nursing practice.

Lessons Learned

Due to resources and the logistical inability to involve a range of global voices of nurses across international borders for the focus group process and in an internet based, English survey in rounds 2 and 3 of the study, the majority of respondents were from HICs. This limited a true global perspective of this work.

Implications/recommendations

To address the limitations of the published work, we have established collaborations with nurses in Central America, Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, and the Eastern Mediterranean. Nurses in those regions will conduct their own research replicating the Delphi Approach to elicit the themes for ethical statements. We will serve as collaborators for methodical support and funding.

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