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EVALUATION OF THE RESEARCH OUTCOME OF MSC NURSING THESES AND ITS APPLICATION IN EVIDENCE-BASED CARE

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Statement of the Problem: Nursing theses are most important sources to produce knowledge and evidences for nursing practice. Thus, we aimed to review the status of research outcomes of MSc nursing theses and their level of evidence-based.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: This is a descriptive cross-sectional study. All theses that were completed from 2002 to 2012 in Mashhad Nursing and Midwifery School were evaluated and their resulting published articles were found by searching in credible databases. Also articles were evaluated in terms of level of evidence-based and type of journal in which were published.

Findings: Ninety two theses were done in desired period. Seventy articles were published from these theses. 32 percent of theses had 6th, 38 percent had 4th and 23 percent had 2nd level of

evidences-based. Comparison between the first five years and the second five years showed; 38 percent of theses in first half time and 77 percent in second half time used experimental and quasi-experimental methodology. Also 41 percent of theses resulted in published articles in first half time whereas this number increased to 82 percent in second half time.

Conclusion & Significance: Methodology of MSc nursing theses has moved toward nursing clinical interventions and important nursing challenges and their resulting articles are publishing in more credible journals. Although given the importance of evidence based practice, it is necessary to develop individual and organizational mechanisms for promotion of level of evidence-based in nursing research.

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