

IMPROVING COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE BY IMPROVING PARISH NURSING QUALITY THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

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Around the globe, our healthcare systems are less able to meet the wholistic health needs of people. Reform is needed. Parish nurses have a role to play.

This presentation is the result of a comprehensive review of the research literature for parish nursing published between 2008-2020. Studies were reviewed and appraised using the Mixed Method Assessment Tool (MMAT)¹. The themes of practice roles of the parish nurse (PN), role implementation, and program evaluation research, as well as gaps and opportunities for research, were identified.

Purpose

Our research provides evidence of:

- the value of parish nurses (PNs) in improving wholistic health promotion and navigation
- opportunities to engage PNs in research and evidence-based practice (EBP) and advancing the impact of PN practice through research

Parish Nursing/Faith Community Nursing

- Registered nurses with specialized education
- Is practiced in 29 countries worldwide
- Work with faith communities (employed and volunteer) to integrate spiritual care as a resource for health and healing
- In Canada, PNs practice according to Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry (CAPNM) Standards:
 - professional practice and accountability;
 - wholistic nursing care;
 - health promotion;
 - facilitation of spiritual care;
 - communication and collaboration;
 - advocacy and ethics;
 - research and evidence-based practice²

The Value of Parish Nurses to Community Healthcare

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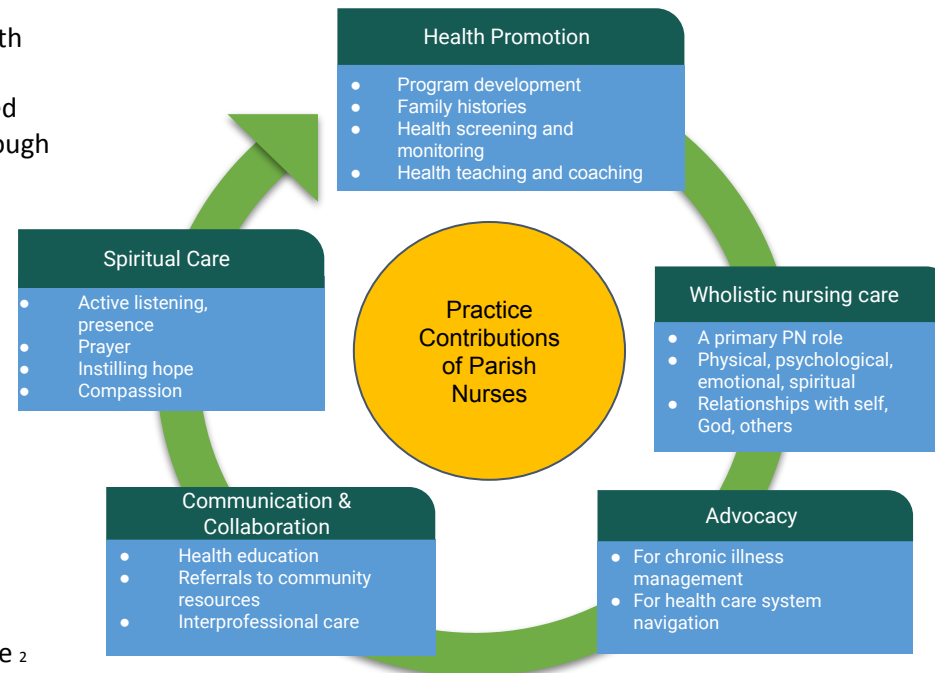
What Are the Characteristics of the Parish Nursing Research Literature and How Can it Inform Parish Nurse Practice and Research in Canada? A Scoping Review

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Opportunities

PN engagement in research and EBP

- Collaboration & support for PN engagement in nursing research
- Education in steps of evidence-based practice, including critical appraisal skills
- PN access to best evidence
- Grant funding for PN research



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Advancing the impact of PN practice through research:

- More rigorous study designs and reporting
- Increase international research
- Outcomes:
 - Impact of PN on:
 - patient/client experiences of care
 - patient/client health outcomes
 - health system outcomes (community, primary care, avoidable hospital admissions)
 - cost of care delivery
 - clinician and team well-being
 - health equity (Quintuple Aim, IHI, 2023)⁴
 - Strengthening community healthcare

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