

# Application Value of Evidence-based Nursing in Patients with Multiple Myeloma and Evaluation of Nursing Quality

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**Abstract:** *Objective* to explore the application value and quality of evidence-based nursing in patients with multiple myeloma. *Methods* A total of 92 patients with multiple myeloma from December 2016 to December 2019 were selected as observation objects, and they were divided into control group 46 and observation group 46 according to the order of admission. The control group was given routine nursing care, and the observation group was given evidence-based nursing care. The bone pain relief rate, Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Score (PSQI), anxiety self-rating scale (SAS) score, depression self-rating scale (SDS) score and nursing quality were compared between the two groups. *Results:* The relief rate of bone pain in the observation group was higher than that in the control group ( $P < 0.05$ ). The quality of sleep, sleep time, sleep time, sleep efficiency, sleep disorders, daytime dysfunction scores and PSQI total scores in the observation group were lower than those in the control group after nursing ( $P < 0.05$ ). SAS and SDS scores in the observation group were lower than those in the control group after nursing ( $P < 0.05$ ). After the implementation of evidence-based nursing, the quality of basic nursing, specialist nursing, critical care, ward management, and health education nursing care of nursing staff was higher than that before implementation ( $P < 0.05$ ). *Conclusion* Applying evidence-based nursing to patients with multiple myeloma can improve bone pain relief, improve sleep quality, reduce anxiety and depression, and improve the quality of care.

**Keywords:** Evidence-based Nursing, Multiple Myeloma, Bone Pain, Sleep Quality, Psychological State, Nursing Quality

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## 1. Introduction

Multiple myeloma is a malignant tumor that originates in plasma cells of bone marrow and produces monoclonal immunoglobulin. The incidence rate is about 1.0/100,000, accounting for 1.4% of all malignant tumors [1]. The etiology of the pathogenesis of multiple myeloma is not fully understood. Current clinical studies believe that it is closely related to occupational environment, radiation, smoking, drinking, drug factors, viral infections, etc [2-3]. Previous studies have shown that [4], Reasonable nursing measures can improve the quality and effect of bone pain and improve the quality of life of patients. In this study, the previous research foundation was used as an evidence-based basis to implement evidence-based nursing for patients with multiple myeloma and observe its clinical value and impact on the quality of care. The report is as follows.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1. General Information

92 patients with multiple myeloma from December 2016 to December 2019 in our hospital were selected as observation objects, and were divided into 46 cases in the control group and 46 cases in the observation group according to the admission order. Inclusion criteria: (1) 18-79 years old; (2) all received chemotherapy; (3) clear mind and independent judgment; (4) no communication barrier; (5) stable condition; (6) signed consent form. Exclusion criteria: (1) with malignant tumor; (2) with liver, lung, and kidney dysfunction; (3) history of mental illness; (4) acute cerebrovascular disease in the past month; (5) in the past month Major surgery; (6) Combining skin diseases. In the control group, there were 28 males and 18 females, aged 37-78 years old, with an average of  $(62.76 \pm 6.95)$

years old; 19 cases of initial onset, 27 cases of relapse; classification: 23 cases of IgG type, 15 cases of IgA type, light chain type 7 There were 1 case of non-secretory type; ISS international staging: 8 cases in stage I, 23 cases in stage II, and 15 cases in stage III. In the observation group, there were 30 males and 16 females, aged 39-79 years, with an average age of  $(63.91 \pm 7.56)$  years; 20 initial cases and 26 relapses; typing: 25 cases of IgG type, 14 cases of IgA type, and light chain type 6 There were 1 case of non-secretory type; ISS international stage: 9 cases in stage I, 24 cases in stage II, and 13 cases in stage III. The gender, age, type, and ISS international stage of the two groups were not significantly different ( $P > 0.05$ ), and were comparable.

## 2.2. Method

The control group adopts routine nursing: preaching disease knowledge to patients, instructing patients to use analgesics, closely observing changes in the disease and adverse reactions to medication, and managing complications symptomatically. The investigation team adopted evidence-based nursing: (1) to raise evidence-based questions: how to relieve patients' bone pain, improve sleep quality, Reduce negative psychology and improve the quality of care. (2) Establish evidence-based support: establish an evidence-based team, refer to the literature on multiple myeloma care and related research in platforms such as China HowNet, Wanfang, etc. to discuss the scientificity and feasibility of evidence-based evidence and determine Use evidence-based evidence to formulate nursing measures. Provide evidence-based nursing training and guidance to nursing staff to improve the overall team nursing level. (3) Evidence-based evidence: Related research [5] shows that there are three major problems in patients with multiple myeloma, (1) pain, urinary incontinence and other physiological experiences; (2) coping methods are mainly family support, increasing medical level, and self-regulation; Nursing measures include popularizing knowledge of multiple myeloma physiology experience, strengthening symptom management, improving information support and improving coping ability. (3) The patient's self-feeling burden comes from economic pressure, short recurrence period, and excessive psychological burden. Patients with multiple myeloma have moderate to severe pain and sleep disturbances. At the same time, related research [6] shows that the factors that affect the psychological resilience of patients with multiple myeloma include low monthly income per capita, rural cooperative medical payment methods, living in remote areas, less support, and habitual yielding coping; nursing measures are concerned about the existence of the above Factors, give patients appropriate guidance to improve their psychological resilience. Studies have shown that [7], the main adverse reactions of patients with multiple myeloma during treatment include nausea, decreased appetite, diarrhea and abdominal pain, bone marrow suppression, etc. The nursing measures mainly include detailed medication guidance, close observation of adverse reactions, and symptomatic treatment. In addition, studies have shown that increasing age, changes in blood uric acid and blood calcium can induce osteolytic

destruction and pathological fractures [8]. (4) Nursing practice: (1) Bone pain care: Explain the cause of bone pain to the patient, encourage the patient to strengthen self-intervention, lightly massage the painful area with the finger belly or back of the finger, and rub it clockwise and counterclockwise. Infrared light is used to irradiate the painful area at a distance of 30-60cm, time 15-30min/time, 1-2 times a day. Encourage the patient's family to help the patient massage [9]. Instruct patients to divert attention when pain occurs. Try to avoid patients participating in physical activities and physical weight-bearing. (2) Sleep care: rest on time, form regular sleep habits, maintain sufficient sleep time, start to sleep at 9:30 in the evening until wake up naturally. Before going to bed, defecate and defecate, soak your feet in warm water for 10-15min, and drink 100-150ml of warm water or milk. Take a comfortable posture while sleeping, and slowly and coordinately turn over. Instruct patients to relax their mind and body, eliminate distractions, regulate breathing, and ease exhalation and inhalation until they fall asleep. (3) Psychological Nursing: Nursing staff directly conduct psychological counseling to the patients, actively, enthusiastically, and concerned about the patient's condition, grasp the psychological dynamics, and give comfort, encouragement, persuasion, counseling, etc. through words and deeds. Encourage patients to take the initiative to confide, to relatives, friends, medical staff, etc., to vent bad emotions. Encourage the patient's family members to actively care about the patient's psychological state, and give counseling, care, and support. Instruct patients to adopt methods such as diverting attention, good memories, and self-suggestions to self-adjust their psychology. Strengthen health education for patients, provide timely information on the latest medical progress of diseases, and enhance patients' confidence in treatment. Try to reduce unnecessary expenditures of patients and reduce psychological pressure caused by economic burden. ④ Symptom management: Patients with gastrointestinal symptoms should be given correct dietary guidance, eat less and eat more meals, and eat 7-8 points each time. Drink 2500-3000ml of water every day to prevent constipation. After eating, massage the abdomen circularly for 15-20 minutes. Those with high blood uric acid and blood calcium levels are encouraged to promote uric acid excretion through multiple factors, and eat less calcium-rich and high-purine foods, such as shrimp skin, kelp, soybeans, lentils, onions, etc, to avoid alcoholism.

## 2.3. Evaluation Criteria

(1) Relief of bone pain: Grade 1: no pain; Grade 2: bone pain but tolerable; Grade 3: pain is unbearable, sleep is affected, strong analgesics are required. Significant relief: bone pain reduction  $\geq 2$  grades; partial relief: bone pain reduction 1 grade; no relief: no significant relief of bone pain, temporary relief and restitution or even worsening. Bone pain relief rate =  $(\text{significant relief} + \text{partial relief}) / 46 \times 100\%$ . (2) Comparison of sleep quality between two groups: Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index Scale (PSQI) was used for evaluation, including sleep quality (0-3 points), time to fall asleep (0-3 points), sleep time

(0-3 points), Sleep efficiency (0-3 points), sleep disorders (0-3 points), hypnotic drugs (0-3 points), daytime dysfunction (0-3 points) score and total PSQI score (0-15 points), score The higher the sleep quality, the worse. (3) Psychological state: The psychological state of patients was assessed using the Self-Assessment Scale of Anxiety (SAS) and Self-Assessment of Depression (SDS) compiled by William WK Zung in the United States, with a total score of 100 points. The higher the score, the greater the degree of anxiety and depression Heavier. (4) Compare the quality of evidence-based nursing before and

after implementation, including basic nursing, specialist nursing, critical patient nursing, ward management, and health education, each with a score of 100.

#### 2.4. Statistical Analysis

Using SPSS19.0 statistical software analysis, measurement data is expressed by  $\pm s$ , t test is performed, count data is expressed by %,  $\chi^2$  test is performed, and  $P < 0.05$  indicates statistical significance.

### 3. Results

#### 3.1. Comparison of Relief of Bone Pain Between the Two Groups

The bone pain relief rate of the observation group was higher than that of the control group ( $P < 0.05$ ), see Table 1.

Table 1. Comparison of bone pain relief rate between the two groups [n (%)].

Group	n	Significant relief	Partial relief	Not relieved	Remission rate
Observation group	46	13 (28.26)	25 (54.35)	8 (17.39)	82.61
Control group	46	6 (13.04)	21 (45.65)	19 (41.30)	58.70
$\chi^2$					6.343
P					0.012

#### 3.2. Comparison of PSQI Sleep Quality Score Between Two Groups

There were no significant differences in the scores of sleep quality, time to fall asleep, sleep time, sleep efficiency, sleep

disorders, daytime dysfunction scores and total PSQI scores of the two groups before nursing ( $P > 0.05$ ). The scores of the observation group after nursing were lower than those of the control group ( $P < 0.05$ ), see Table 2.

Table 2. Comparison of PSQI sleep quality scores between two groups ( $\pm s$ , points).

PSQI	Before nursing		t	P	After care		t	P
	Observation group	Control group			Observation group	Control group		
Sleep quality	1.75 $\pm$ 0.29	1.76 $\pm$ 0.32	0.157	0.876	0.88 $\pm$ 0.23	1.27 $\pm$ 0.28	7.300	0.000
Time to fall asleep	1.62 $\pm$ 0.35	1.65 $\pm$ 0.38	0.394	0.695	0.71 $\pm$ 0.20	1.06 $\pm$ 0.25	7.415	0.000
sleeping time	1.74 $\pm$ 0.30	1.71 $\pm$ 0.37	0.427	0.670	0.79 $\pm$ 0.11	1.23 $\pm$ 0.21	12.588	0.000
Sleep efficiency	1.77 $\pm$ 0.32	1.79 $\pm$ 0.39	0.269	0.789	1.01 $\pm$ 0.19	1.38 $\pm$ 0.29	7.238	0.000
sleep disorder	1.72 $\pm$ 0.28	1.70 $\pm$ 0.36	0.297	0.767	0.73 $\pm$ 0.13	1.04 $\pm$ 0.24	7.703	0.000
Hypnotic drugs	1.39 $\pm$ 0.31	1.36 $\pm$ 0.32	0.457	0.649	0.58 $\pm$ 0.12	0.99 $\pm$ 0.26	9.710	0.000
Daytime dysfunction	2.06 $\pm$ 0.37	2.10 $\pm$ 0.33	0.547	0.586	1.04 $\pm$ 0.15	1.47 $\pm$ 0.30	8.695	0.000
Total score	12.05 $\pm$ 2.22	12.08 $\pm$ 2.47	0.061	0.951	5.74 $\pm$ 1.13	8.30 $\pm$ 1.83	8.073	0.000

#### 3.3. Comparison of Mental State Between the Two Groups

There was no statistically significant difference in SAS and SDS scores between the two groups before nursing ( $P > 0.05$ ), and the scores of the observation group after nursing were lower than those of the control group ( $P < 0.05$ ), see Table 3.

Table 3. Comparison of mental state between two groups ( $\pm s$ , points).

Group	n	SAS		SDS	
		Before nursing	After care	Before nursing	After care
Observation group	46	62.34 $\pm$ 6.37	37.46 $\pm$ 5.53	65.93 $\pm$ 7.19	38.67 $\pm$ 4.23
Control group	46	61.91 $\pm$ 5.86	50.39 $\pm$ 5.26	66.80 $\pm$ 6.92	49.50 $\pm$ 5.65
t		0.337	23.967	0.591	10.407
P		0.737	0.000	0.556	0.000

#### 3.4. Comparison of Nursing Quality Before and After Implementation of Evidence-based Nursing

After implementing evidence-based nursing, the basic nursing, specialist nursing, critical patient nursing, ward management,

and health education nursing quality assessment were higher than before implementation ( $P < 0.05$ ), see Table 4.

**Table 4.** Comparison of nursing quality before and after implementing evidence-based nursing ( $\pm$ s, points, number of nursing staff:  $n=22$ ).

time	Basic nursing	Specialist nursing	Critical care	Ward management	Health education
Before implementation	90.12 $\pm$ 3.75	90.87 $\pm$ 4.26	88.02 $\pm$ 5.21	87.29 $\pm$ 4.03	85.71 $\pm$ 4.07
After implementation	95.33 $\pm$ 3.81	95.01 $\pm$ 3.39	93.97 $\pm$ 4.32	92.32 $\pm$ 5.26	96.13 $\pm$ 3.25
<i>t</i>	4.571	3.567	4.124	3.561	9.356
<i>P</i>	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.000

## 4. Discussion

Multiple myeloma mortality accounts for 1.9% of all cancer deaths [10]. In recent years, with the development of medicine, the level of treatment has been continuously improved, but it is still difficult to cure. Patients with multiple myeloma require long-term treatment. Under the influence of various factors such as disease distress, economic pressure, and role change, the patient's life treatment is seriously affected [11].

Evidence-based nursing guides the care of patients with multiple myeloma by searching for previous studies, which makes the care more reasonable and scientific, and transforms the traditional casual and empirical routine care. The results of this study showed that the bone pain relief rate of the observation group was higher than that of the control group. It is suggested that evidence-based nursing can improve the effect of bone pain relief in patients with multiple myeloma. Analysis of the reason may be evidence-based nursing by looking for the causes and nursing experience of bone pain in patients with multiple myeloma, and applying it to the care of patients with bone pain Medium, improve the effect of bone pain care. The results of this study showed that the sleep quality, time to fall asleep, sleep time, sleep efficiency, sleep disorders, daytime dysfunction scores and total PSQI scores of the observation group after nursing were lower than those of the control group. It is suggested that evidence-based nursing can improve the sleep quality of patients with multiple myeloma. The reason for analysis is that evidence-based nursing implements care by combining the factors affecting the sleep quality of patients, so that the nursing measures are more targeted to sleep quality, which is conducive to improving the sleep of patients quality. This study showed that the SAS and SDS scores of the observation group after nursing were lower than those of the control group. It is suggested that evidence-based nursing can reduce the anxiety and depression mental state of patients with multiple myeloma. The reason for analysis is that evidence-based nursing affects the related factors of patients' psychological resilience through intervention, and eliminates or alleviates the psychological impact of unfavorable factors, such as direct comfort and encouragement, helping patients fight for social support, etc, which is conducive to alleviating adverse psychological states [12-14]. After the implementation of evidence-based nursing, the basic nursing, specialist nursing, critical care, ward management, and health education nursing quality evaluation are higher than before

implementation. Analyze the reasons, and evidence-based nursing integrates real and reliable scientific evidence into nursing practice Combined with the personal experience and skills of nursing staff, the traditional narrow nursing model is transformed into a new nursing model based on scientific research results, which improves the quality of nursing [15].

## 5. Conclusions

In summary, evidence-based nursing applied to patients with multiple myeloma can improve the relief effect of bone pain, improve sleep quality, reduce anxiety and depression mental state, and improve the quality of care.

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