

FAMILY CENTERED ROUNDS APPRECIATED BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

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Introduction

Participation in daily medical rounds seems to be an outstanding moment to improve parents' involvement in the care and decision-making process of their hospitalized child.

We investigated the opinions of healthcare professionals during the implementation of Family Centered Rounds (FCRs).



Methods

A survey was undertaken among paediatricians and paediatric nurses by means of a questionnaire with five questions. The survey was enriched with narrative data. Data were collected before start of the implementation, and after six and twelve months.

Results

From the pre-intervention period 144 and from the post-intervention 164 questionnaires were analyzed (response rate 85% and 76%). The results are shown in the table below. A second survey after 12 months showed the results sustained.

	before	after
1. Questions about child and family get answered during medical rounds.	3,92	4,15
2. We work as a team for the child and its family.	4,08	4,24
3. The plan of care for the upcoming 24 hrs is clear.	3,47	3,75
4. Parents know their child best; we make good use of their knowledge.	3,35	4,08
5. We can speak out freely during medical rounds.	4,08	3,38

Mean scores on a 5-point Likert scale; higher scores indicate a more positive opinion. All differences between pre-intervention and post-intervention periods: $p < 0.05$.

"We believe we cannot speak out freely, but I wonder if this is true. My experience is that I can discuss everything with parents present" (paediatrician)

Conclusion

Active participation of parents in medical rounds seems to result in better teamwork and information exchange.