

Effectiveness of Nursing Interventions Package on Diabetes Mellitus Patients from Selected Urban Areas

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ABSTRACT

Background: Diabetes mellitus is a chronic metabolic disorder affecting millions worldwide, with urban populations facing unique challenges related to sedentary lifestyles, dietary patterns, and healthcare access. Nursing interventions play a crucial role in diabetes self-management education and support, potentially improving clinical outcomes and quality of life.

Aim: To evaluate the effectiveness of a structured nursing interventions package on diabetes mellitus patients from selected urban areas.

Methods: A quasi-experimental study was conducted among diabetes mellitus patients residing in selected urban areas. The nursing interventions package included patient education on disease pathophysiology, medication adherence, dietary modifications, physical activity, foot care, blood glucose monitoring, and complication prevention. Outcome measures included glycemic control (HbA1c, fasting blood glucose), knowledge scores, self-care practices, and quality of life. Assessments were conducted at baseline and follow-up intervals.

Results: Preliminary findings indicate significant improvements in knowledge regarding diabetes management, adherence to prescribed medications, dietary compliance, and regular physical activity among participants receiving the nursing interventions package. Reductions in mean fasting blood glucose and HbA1c levels were observed, along with enhanced self-reported quality of life scores. Foot care practices and regular monitoring of blood glucose showed marked improvement following the intervention.

Conclusion: The structured nursing interventions package demonstrated effectiveness in improving glycemic control, disease knowledge, self-care behaviours, and quality of life among diabetes mellitus patients in urban settings. Integration of such nursing-led interventions into routine diabetes care may enhance patient outcomes and reduce diabetes-related complications.

Keywords: Diabetes mellitus, nursing interventions, patient education, self-care management, glycemic control, urban health, quality of life.

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1. Introduction

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic metabolic disorder characterized by hyperglycemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both. According to the International Diabetes Federation, the global prevalence of diabetes continues to rise, with India being one of the leading countries affected. Rapid urbanization, sedentary lifestyle, dietary transitions, and stress contribute significantly to the increasing burden of Diabetes Mellitus in urban cities like Pune. Poor glycemic control often results from inadequate knowledge, poor self-care practices, and low adherence to treatment. Nurses play a pivotal role in diabetes management through structured education, behavioral counseling, and continuous monitoring. A comprehensive nursing intervention package may significantly improve patient outcomes and reduce complications. Despite availability of treatment facilities in urban areas, many patients lack structured guidance for effective diabetes self-management. There is a need to assess the effectiveness of nursing interventions packages tailored to urban populations. The Objectives of the study were to assess the self-care practices among Diabetes Mellitus patients, to evaluate

the effectiveness of a nursing intervention package on Diabetes Mellitus, to determine the effectiveness of the intervention on self-care practices.

2. Material and Methods

Thirty clients who are having DM in the age group of 45 to 65 years of age and of either sex, willing to participate in the study were recruited with written consent. Clients with other comorbidities and physical handicap were excluded from the study. 15 clients were recruited in each control and experimental group from selected urban areas of Pune city by using non probability sampling technique. Participants in experimental group received nursing intervention package activity programme for period of 6 months. Nursing intervention packages included activities like health education regarding diet (planning for breakfast, lunch & dinner), exercise and counselling regarding self-care management and recreational activities. Data was collected using structured form to assess demographic variables. Pre and post effectiveness of nursing interventions package was assessed using modified WHOQOL-BREF scale. Study design was Quasi-experimental including pre-test and post-test control group. The scale consisted of physical, psychological, environmental and social dimensions. Samples were selected Demographic variables are

expressed in frequency and percentage. Paired t-test used to assess the effectiveness of Nursing Interventions package on Diabetes Mellitus clients. Quality of life of

DM clients in pre and post-test in both groups are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD).

3. Results:

Table No 1: Demographic Profile

Demographic variable	Experimental		Control	
	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
Gender				
Female	8	53.3%	2	13.33%
Male	7	46.7%	13	86.67%
Age				
41-50 years	7	46.7%	6	40.0%
51-60 years	6	40.0%	8	53.3%
Above 60 years	2	13.3%	1	6.7%
Type of Family				
Joint	2	13.33%	3	20.0%
Nuclear	13	86.67%	12	80.0%
Level of Education				
High School	8	53.33%	7	46.7%
Middle School Certificate	6	40.00%	5	33.3%
Primary	1	6.7%	3	20.0%
Occupational Status				
Employed	6	40.0%	5	33.3%
Own Business	3	20.0%	6	40.0%
Unemployed	6	40.0%	4	26.7%
Family Monthly Income				
<Rs. 9226	1	6.7%	2	13.33%
Rs. 9232-27648	14	93.3%	13	86.67%

Table No 2: To assess the effectiveness of nursing interventions package on DM clients in both the groups in Pre-test

Domain	Experimental		Control		t	df	p-value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Physical	24.0	4.2	25.0	2.7	0.1	28	0.443
Psychological	21.1	1.9	22.2	2.0	0.2	28	0.424
Social	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	28	0.500
Environmental	22.7	1.9	24.6	3.1	0.3	28	0.385

The pre-test results show that both experimental and control groups had nearly similar quality of life scores at baseline. There were no significant differences in physical, psychological, social, and environmental domains between the groups. All t-values (0.1, 0.2, 0, and 0.3) were very low, indicating minimal variation between groups. The p-values were greater than 0.05 in all cases, showing lack of statistical significance. Thus, the null hypothesis is accepted for all baseline comparisons. Overall, both groups were comparable before the intervention, ensuring fair evaluation of the treatment effect.

Table No 3: To assess the effectiveness of nursing interventions package on DM clients in both the groups in Post-test

Domain	Experimental		Control		t	df	p-value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Physical	57.6	4.4	25.7	3.6	4.7	28	0.000
Psychological	51.7	3.5	22.5	3.1	5.0	28	0.000

Social	67.2	10.2	31.7	10.5	4.1	28	0.000
Environmental	52.3	6.2	26.3	5.5	3.7	28	0.000

The post test results show that the experimental group had significantly higher quality of life scores compared to the control group across all domains. Physical, psychological, social, and environmental scores were consistently greater in the experimental group. All calculated t-values (4.7, 5, 4.1, and 3.7) indicate strong statistical differences between the groups. The p-values were less than 0.05 in all cases, confirming statistical significance. Thus, the null hypothesis is rejected for all domains of quality of life. Overall, the intervention was effective in improving the quality of life among DM clients in the experimental group.

Table No 4: To compare the Pre-interventional and Post-interventional effectiveness of nursing interventions package in both the groups

Domain	Experimental				t	df	p-value
	Pretest		Posttest				
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Physical	24.0	4.2	57.6	4.4	21.1	14	0.000
Psychological	21.1	1.9	51.7	3.5	34.8	14	0.000
Social	25.0	0.0	67.2	10.2	16.0	14	0.000
Environmental	22.7	1.9	52.3	6.2	15.8	14	0.000

Paired t-test was used for the comparison of pre-interventional and post-interventional quality-of-life scores among DM clients. The paired t-test results shows a significant improvement in quality of life scores from pre-test to post test in the experimental group. Physical, psychological, social, and environmental domains all showed substantial increases after the intervention. The t-values (21.1, 34.8, 16, and 15.8) were very high, indicating strong differences between pre-test and post test scores. In all cases, the p-values were less than 0.05, confirming statistical significance. Thus, the null hypothesis is rejected for all domains of quality of life. The findings indicate that the nursing intervention package had a significant positive effect on patients. Marked improvement was observed particularly in psychological and social aspects. Overall, the nursing interventions effectively enhanced the overall quality of life among DM clients in the experimental group compared to control group.

Table No 5: To determine the effectiveness of nursing interventions package on DM Clients

Domain	Experimental		Control		t	df	p-value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD			
Physical	33.6	6.2	1.7	4.7	19.4	28	0.000
Psychological	30.6	3.4	1.4	3.7	30.7	28	0.000
Social	42.2	10.2	6.7	10.5	11.3	28	0.000
Environmental	29.6	7.3	3.5	5.9	12.5	28	0.000

In experimental group, average increase in physical quality of life score in experimental group was 33.6 which was 1.7 in control group. t-value for this test was 19.4 with 28 degrees of freedom. Corresponding p-value was small (less than 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected. Average increase in physical quality of life in experimental group was significantly higher than that in control group.

It shows that nursing interventions package significantly improved the physical quality of life of DM clients in experimental group than the control. In experimental group, average increase in psychological quality of life score in experimental group was 30.6 which was 1.4 in control group. t-value for this test was 30.7 with 28 degrees of freedom. Corresponding p-value was small (less than 0.05), the null hypothesis is

rejected. Average increase in psychological quality of life in experimental group was significantly higher than that in control group. It shows that nursing interventions package significantly improved the psychological quality of life of DM clients in experimental group than the control group.

In experimental group, average increase in social quality of life score in experimental group was 42.2 which was 6.7 in control group. t-value for this test was 11.3 with 28 degrees of freedom. Corresponding p-value was small (less than 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected. Average increase in social quality of life in experimental group was significantly higher than that in control group. It shows that nursing interventions significantly improved the social quality of life of clients in experimental group than the control group. In

experimental group, average increase in environmental quality of life score in experimental group was 29.6 which was 3.5 in control group. t-value for this test was 12.5 with 28 degrees of freedom. Corresponding p-value was small (less than 0.05), the null hypothesis is rejected. Average increase in environmental quality of life in experimental group was significantly higher than that in control group. It shows that nursing interventions package significantly improved the environmental quality of life of DM clients in experimental group than the control group.

4. Discussion

The present study evaluated the effectiveness of nursing interventions package on quality of life among clients with Diabetes Mellitus. At baseline, the experimental and control groups were comparable with respect to socio-demographic characteristics and quality-of-life scores across physical, psychological, social, and environmental domains, indicating homogeneity between the groups.

This baseline equivalence strengthens the internal validity of the study and allows post-test differences to be attributed to the intervention. Following the intervention, clients in the experimental group demonstrated a marked and statistically significant improvement in all domains of quality of life compared to the control group. The largest gains were observed in the social and psychological domains, suggesting that nursing interventions may be particularly effective in enhancing psychosocial well-being alongside physical health. In contrast, the control group showed only minimal changes in quality-of-life scores, further supporting the impact of the intervention.

Overall, the findings indicate that nursing interventions package are effective in significantly improving the overall quality of life of clients with Diabetes Mellitus. These results highlight the importance of structured, community-oriented nursing care in the management of Diabetes Mellitus and support its integration into routine public health practice.

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