Application of Roy’s theory for adaptation to life style by cardiac patients and
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ABSTRACT

Problem statement: Application of Roy’s theory for adaptation to life style by cardiac
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Objectives: The present study has been conducted a) to develop the nursing
assessment tool for cardiac patients based on Roy’s theory, b) to determine
its implications for nursing practice by testing the acceptability for
utilization of nursing assessment tool by nurses working in selected
hospitals and, c) to understand the cardiac patients’ perspectives of cardiac
disease, life style changes and medication regimen.

Methods and materials: The study was conducted in a phased manner by using
mixed approach i.e. quantitative as well as qualitative. In
the phase-I, nursing assessment tool based on Roy’s
adaptation theory was developed. In the phase-II, nurses’
acceptability for utilization of this tool for cardiac patient
was assessed. And in the phase-III, case studies of cardiac
patients were conducted using the nursing assessment tool
based on Roy’s adaptation theory to analyze their
perspectives of cardiac disease, life style changes and
medication regimen. After in-depth analysis of all the four
metaparadigms of Roy adaptation theory and concepts of
cardiac nursing, it was found that cardiac nursing practice
carries distinct characteristics, making it particularly
relevant to the propositions underpinning the Roy
adaptation theory. Therefore using Roy adaptation theory to
guide the development of nursing assessment tool for
cardiac patients was justified. The content validity of the
nursing assessment tool was established (CVI- 0.8). In the
phase II- quantitative analysis of the nurses’ acceptability
for utilization of nursing assessment tool was assessed with
the acceptability scale with the use of cross-sectional
research design on 200 nursesworking in selected hospitals.
In the phase III, case studies of ten cardiac patients
admitted in selected hospitals were conducted to analyze
their perspectives of cardiac disease, life style changes and
medication regimen.
**Results:** The results showed that the Roy adaptation theory held the potential for utilization in cardiac nursing, all the modes and two level assessments were well fitting into the assessment of cardiac patient. In the phase II analysis, the nursing assessment tool was found to be highly acceptable to nurses. Mean scores of overall acceptability was 4.029± 0.436, which showed overall high acceptability of the nursing assessment tool moreover majority of respondents had high acceptability of tool (53.7%) followed by moderate acceptability (45.0%) and very less number of respondents had low acceptability (1.5%). Hence it indicated high acceptability level for utilization of nursing assessment tool by staff nurses for cardiac patients. Nurses’ acceptability level of nursing assessment tool was significantly associated with age, qualification and nursing experience.

The phase III case study analysis showed that cardiac patients face number of problems when they encounter cardiac disease but eventually if they are helped and educated regarding their disease and life style practices, they can adapt to their illness and life style better. Roy’s Adaptation theory concepts were properly applying to these case studies and theory helped the researcher to have the better understanding of patients’ problems and adaptation to life style practices.

**Key words:** Roy adaptation theory, Cardiac Illness, Life style changes, Medication regimen, Physiological Mode, Self Concept Mode, Interdependence Mode, Role Function Mode, Focal stimulus, Contextual stimulus and Residual Stimulus.