

Patient perspectives on interprofessional collaboration between healthcare professionals during hospitalization: a qualitative systematic review.

Interprofessional collaboration is recognized as a key factor in ensuring optimal care and patient safety. Several initiatives to strengthen patient safety in the health system have emerged since the Institute of Medicine report (1999) reported up to 98.000 death per year, related, among other things, to a lack of coordination in the health system.

Organisations such as WHO or Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative claim patients to be valuable partners in healthcare setting and in collaborative process to enhance their own safety. Integrating patients in the collaborative process, implies a role redefinition of the healthcare stakeholders, especially the role of the patient. Currently, little attention is given to the perspectives of patients of interprofessional collaboration and the way they perceive their own role within a process, initially limited to the interaction between healthcare professionals. To obtain a better understanding of interprofessional collaboration, the perspective of the patients needs to be considered.

The objective of this qualitative systematic review consists in exploring:

1. Patients' perceptions of interprofessional collaboration.
2. The perceived influence of interprofessional collaboration on their safety, and their well-being.
3. To determine the role patients attribute to themselves in the collaborative process.

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