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Patient-Centered Care in Healthcare and its Implementation in Nursing

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Patient-centered care (PCC) is a concept and standard of care that describes organizing healthcare system around the patient, with the aim is to improve quality of care. PCC approach has become increasingly popular in various healthcare systems, including Israeli healthcare system. However, the complexity of the concept contributes to the difficulties in implementing it in practice. This article reviews the definitions of the PCC concept and the paths of healthcare systems to implement this approach, while focusing on nursing and nursing education.

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