### Clinical Pathways and Their Importance in Nursing Curriculum

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**Abstract:** Clinical pathways are a method of patient care management for a defined group of patients on a definite time and lead to quality improvement and costs-effectiveness. Despite of clinical pathways importance, they are ignored in nursing services delivery and curriculums. The aim of this review study was to describe clinical pathways, their development process and importance in nursing curriculum.  

**Methods:** In this review study, it has been searched in sites CIAHL, Medline, Pumped, Nursing Consult, Iranmedex, SID, Magiran with these key words: clinical pathway, nursing pathway, critical pathway and care map. Results from search in printed library resources recorded on special cards. Results: Gathered references excerpted related to the study title and then 10 references selected and analyzed.  

**Conclusion:** However some defects are related to the clinical pathways, their application lead to facilitate nursing process implementation, to provide learning opportunity and teamwork, to improve communication skills etc. Accordingly they are appropriate tools in nursing education and services delivery and should be considered by nursing managers and educational planners.  

**Key words:** Clinical pathway, Nursing pathway, Critical pathway, Care map  
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