To provide insight into the challenges faced by clinical staff adopting ANTT during intravenous therapy” Isaac et al (2019).

Abstract:

BACKGROUND: In 2015, NHS Wales introduced a national standardised approach to aseptic non-touch technique (ANTT). This approach aims to standardise practice and promote better clinical outcomes.

AIM: To provide insight into the challenges faced by clinical staff adopting ANTT during intravenous therapy.

METHODS: Focused ethnography across two paediatric wards in NHS Wales. Data collection included participant observation, audit questionnaires and semi-structured interviews. Data were analysed according to Wolcott’s (1994) process and emerging themes were reflected upon against the theoretical framework of Kirkpatrick’s (1994) model of training evaluation.

FINDINGS: Absence of feedback following training, individual preference, lack of opportunity to practise the ANTT technique, lack of clarity and standardisation and expectations of parents/medical staff are all challenges faced by registered nurses.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY: The findings may be used by NHS managers to support national initiatives within staff training and development programmes, and to improve infection prevention initiatives. Organisational culture is a modifier of healthcare worker behaviour and requires further attention locally and nationally. Quality assurance in the adoption of standardised best practice must take into account staff training and development needs, and workplace culture.

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