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Abstract:

OBJECTIVES: understand the Social Representations about needlestick injuries elaborated by Nursing Technicians and analyze how these representations influence their conducts.

METHOD: the data, obtained by interviews, were processed using ALCESTE software and their analysis was based on Serge Moscovici’s Social Representations Theory.

RESULTS: it was evidenced that, after the accident, these professionals take care of the affected area. Then, they report the accident, motivated by the fear of catching HIV and hepatitis. The different feelings experienced are due to this fear and the way they were forwarded by the institution, reflecting in the cause they attribute to their accident.

CONCLUSIONS: it was verified that knowledge about the accident as a whole is very incipient in this professional group, demanding continuing education and greater emphasis on this subject in professional training. It is expected that this study draws public authorities and health institutions’ attention to the problem and that it modifies Nursing Technicians’ Social Representations about percutaneous exposure.
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