

An Account of the Unique Experiences of Home-visiting Nurses

A narrative study by a home-visiting medical care team member

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The author has had many rewarding experiences as a home-visiting nurse. However, those experiences have been difficult to recount verbally and thus difficult to share. In this study, these experiences are referred to as “Unique Experiences” and serve to clarify and recount in writing a narrative with diverse aspects.

The situation in this case involves end-of-life home care for a cancer patient. Synthesizing multi-layered narrative data from unstructured interviews with the patient’s wife, two nurses, a case manager, and the author’s experience, the care practice is described in the form of a narrative.

As a result, a “Unique Experience” is recounted as a mutual experience between nurses, the patient, and the family members by providing care and receiving opportunities with regard to progress, along with various impressions.

This study will present an opportunity to recognize the deep understanding and crucial significance of home medical care, not only for the nurses, but for the various other professionals involved in home health care.