Enhancing Patients Satisfaction and their outcomes through implementing Nurse-Caring Behavior Protocols in Acute Diabetic Crisis Management

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ABSTRACT:
Background: Integrating nurse-caring behavior protocols in acute diabetic crisis management enhances patient satisfaction and outcomes by addressing both clinical and emotional care needs. **Aim**: evaluate the effect of implementing nurse-caring behavior protocols on enhancing patients' satisfaction and their outcomes in acute diabetic crisis management.
Design: Quasi-experimental research design was used in the present study. **Setting:** ICU and emergency care unit at Aswan university hospital. **Sample:** This study was performed on 60 patients who were not randomly selected and assigned in to control and study group. **Tools**: Tree tools were used to collect data include Tool (I): Patient assessment tool contained personal characteristic. Tool (II): Patients satisfaction with NCBs evaluation scale. Tool (III) Patients Outcomes assessment tool. **Results**: the majority being aged 50-60 years in study and control group (70.1% and 66.7% respectively), Gender distribution was nearly equal, with slightly more females in (56.0 % and 50%) respectively, a higher percentage of participants with higher education (33.3% and 50%) respectively. A higher percentage of patients in the study group reported satisfactory levels of satisfaction (73.3%) compared to the control group (33.3%) Conversely. The study group had a significantly higher percentage of patients staying less than 5 days (63.3%). The study group had significantly more patients discharged to home (76.7%). A significantly lower rates of complications, including hypoglycemia, hypokalemia, cerebral edema, arrhythmia and acidosis among study group. **Conclusion**: The nurse-caring behaviors have a positive impact on patient satisfaction, outcomes, and a reduction in complications associated with acute diabetic crises.
Recommendation: Implementing and evaluating nurse-caring behavior protocols, to enhance early discharge and complication management in acute diabetic crisis management.

1. Introduction

Acute diabetic crises, such as diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) and hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state (HHS), are life-threatening complications requiring prompt and effective management. These crises not only demand rigorous medical intervention but also highlight the critical role of nursing care in mitigating complications and enhancing patient outcomes. In this context, nurse-caring behaviors play an essential role in addressing the physical and emotional needs of patients, fostering a holistic approach to care delivery [1,2].

Nurse-caring behaviors, characterized by empathy, communication, and attentiveness, significantly impact patient satisfaction and health outcomes. Patients experiencing acute diabetic crises are often vulnerable, both physically and emotionally, due to the abrupt and

severe nature of their condition. The integration of caring behaviors within nursing protocols can alleviate anxiety, build trust, and improve adherence to treatment plans. Furthermore, these behaviors contribute to a supportive care environment that promotes faster recovery and reduces the risk of complications [3].

Patient satisfaction is increasingly recognized as a critical indicator of healthcare quality. High levels of satisfaction correlate with better patient engagement, adherence to care plans, and improved overall outcomes. Similarly, reducing complications associated with acute diabetic crises, such as prolonged hospital stays or recurrent episodes, is essential for enhancing quality of care and reducing healthcare costs. A structured nurse-caring behavior protocol offers a promising approach to achieving these dual objectives [4].

Critical care nurses play a pivotal role in managing patients with life-threatening conditions by delivering comprehensive and holistic care. Beyond technical skills, critical care nurses provide emotional and psychological support to patients and their families during highly stressful and uncertain times. Their ability to assess, plan, and implement individualized care plans while responding swiftly to rapid changes in patient conditions is vital for ensuring optimal outcomes in intensive care settings [5].

Significant of the study:

Diabetes mellitus-related crisis is the leading cause of admission to the ICU, and it is more commonly a comorbid condition that complicates patients [6]. According to patient records at Aswan University Hospital, the number of admissions with diabetic crisis to the intensive care unit and emergency department exceeds 350 patients per year. Therefore, this study was conducted to enhance patient satisfaction and outcomes through the implementation of nurse-caring behavior protocols in acute diabetic crisis management.

Aim of the study:

Evaluate the effect of implementing nurse-caring behavior protocols on patients' satisfaction and their outcomes in acute diabetic crisis management.

Research hypothesis:

H1: Implementing nurse-caring behavior protocol in the management of acute diabetic crises was significantly enhance patient satisfaction.

H2: Implementing nurse-caring behavior protocol in the management of acute diabetic crises was significantly reduce the incidence of complications.

Patients and Methods

Design: Quasi-experimental research design was used to conduct the present study.

Setting: The present study was carried out in ICU and emergency unit at Aswan university hospital.

Sample: Convenient sample (60 patients) who met the criteria, which divided into a control group (30 patients), which was receive routine nursing care and a study group (30 patients), which was receive NCBs study and participated in study through a period of six months (from February 2024 to August 2024) with the following inclusion and exclusion criteria:

Inclusion criteria:

- Age from 40–60 years
- Oriented patients

- Newly admitted patients to ICU and emergency units with diabetic crisis.
- Diabetic crisis patients (Hypoglycemia, diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), and hyperosmolar hyperglycemic state (HHS)) admitted to the intensive care units (ICU) and emergency units.

Exclusion criteria for patients

- Diabetes retinopathy patients
- Unstable hemodynamics (systolic blood pressure less than 90)
- Comatose patients

Tools of data collection:

Three tools were being designed and utilized for collecting data for this study.

Tool one: Patients' personal characteristic tool:

This tool was being developed by the researcher based on recent and relevant literature. This tool was being used to focus on the patients' personal characteristics, such as age, gender, occupation, marital status and level of education.

Tool two: Patient satisfaction with NCBs evaluation tool:

- This tool was developed by the researcher after reviewing literature to evaluate the participating patients' satisfaction with nursing interventions according to the NCBs protocol, based on recent and relevant literature [7-11].
- This tool was containing six aspects of nursing interventions based on NCBs during of nursing care as follows:
- ICU admission and orientation processes aspect, Clinical care, Humanistic care, Relational care, health teaching and maintaining a safe healing environment.

Scoring system:

- Each item of the six aspects was score as follows: satisfied = 1 and dissatisfied = 0. Thereafter, the total score of each statement item was calculate to obtain patients satisfaction associated with this statement item (≥ 75 satisfactory & < 75 unsatisfactory).

Tool three: Patients' Outcomes assessment tool:

It was developed by the researcher after reviewing the literatures

It consisted of the following parts;

Part I: Discharge criteria sheet: mortality, Discharge to home or Discharge to word.

Part II: Length of stay: less than 5 days, 5 to 10 days, more than 10 days.

Part II: Complications of diabetic crisis assessment sheet:

That included hypoglycemia, hypokalemia, Cerebral Edema, Arrhythmia, metabolic Acidosis.

Methods:

- The present study was being conducted throughout three main phases: preparatory phase, implementation phase and evaluation phase as following:

I. Preparatory phase:

- An official letter was addressed from the dean of the faculty of nursing to the director of ICU and emergency department of Aswan university hospital to request their authorization and collaboration for collection of data.
- Data collection tools were developed by the researcher based on reviewing the current, past, local and international related literature in the various aspects using books, articles, periodicals, magazines, and references were done.

- **Tools Validity:**

Face validity of the tool was assessed by following a comprehensive review of relevant literature and then submitted to a panel of five experts in the fields of critical care and emergency nursing. The suggested modifications were made.

- **Tool reliability:**

The Reliability was being done on tools by Cronbach's Alpha to measure the internal consistency of the components of tools.

- The reliability of patients' assessment tool was 0.73 which was acceptable.
- The reliability of patient satisfaction with NCBs evaluation scale was 0.85 which was acceptable.
- The reliability of patients' outcome assessment tool was 0.79 which was acceptable.

- **Pilot Study:**
  - A Pilot Study was being conducted on (10 %) (6 patients) of the research population over one month in the selected setting to test the tools' applicability and clarity. The data from the pilot study were analyzed; no changes were made to the tools used, so the 10% of subjects chosen for the pilot study were included in the study.

- **Ethical consideration:**
  - Ethical approval for this study was granted by the scientific research ethics committee at 23 -1-2024 by code number (1120240745) in the faculty of nursing, Assiut University.
  - Informed consent was obtained from the participating patients after thoroughly explaining the study's aim and process. The researcher guaranteed the complete anonymity and confidentiality of the participants data. Additionally, the patients were assured of their right to withdraw from the study at any phase.

II. Implementation phase

- This phase of data collection was started once official permission was granted to proceed with the proposed study; the staff nurses provided routine nursing care to the control group. The principal researcher provided nursing interventions based on NCBs protocol through six aspects of nursing care (ICU admission and orientation processes aspect, clinical care, humanistic care, relational care, health teaching and maintaining a safe healing environment) to the study group by Diabetic crisis patient's satisfaction with nurse caring

behaviors (NCBs) Evaluation by using tool two with NCBs evaluation scale which containing six aspects of nursing interventions based on NCBs during of nursing care as follows:

- During the ICU admission and orientation processes, the researcher was has exhibited caring behaviors. She was having warmly welcomed patients and introduced herself, oriented to the time, place, and person.
- During clinical care, the researcher promptly recognizes signs and symptoms of diabetic crisis, including hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, ketosis, dehydration, altered mental status and electrolyte imbalance.
- During the Humanistic care, the researcher respected patient privacy, Additionally, she shown genuine interest in solving patient health problems, offered verbal reassurance, provide levels of confidentiality.
- During Relational care, the researcher-maintained eye contact, establishing a strong connection, assist with tasks that they cannot do independently.
- During health teaching, the researcher provided comprehensive health education to patients and their family, covering information regarding diabetic crisis diagnosis and management, including signs and symptoms, prevention strategies, and actions to take in case of recurrence, his or her rights, and treatment plan such as blood glucose levels, intravenous insulin therapy, and electrolyte monitoring.
- Finally, during maintaining a safe healing environment, The researcher was providing patients with advanced explanations of upcoming nursing activities. Maintain a safe and calm environment, assisting patients in establishing realistic goals, explain reasons for alarms and other disruptive sounds, and implement basic comfort measures, including appropriate lighting, noise control, and sufficient blankets.

- **Evaluation phase:**
  - The two-group were evaluated for outcomes by using study tools, control group evaluated once at admission and study group evaluated once at discharge day. Each patient in both groups was be asked individually for 15 to 20 min by researcher at the end of the care was deliver to the patient to report whether they were being satisfied with the deliver NCBs using tool two.
  - The researcher assesses the patients' outcomes by using tool three after application of the nursing protocol through calculating the length of their stay in the hospital. In addition, the presence and absence of the complications. Also, the researcher assed the discharge criteria as the presence of mortality and status of the discharge from the ICU.

Statistical analysis:

The data were tested for normality using the Anderson-Darling test and for homogeneity variances prior to further statistical analysis. Categorical variables were described by number and percent (No, %), where continuous variables described by mean and standard deviation (Mean, SD). Chi-square test and fisher exact test used to compare between categorical variables. Person Correlation Used to Appear the Association between Patient perception assessment tool and Short Assessment Patient Satisfaction (SAPS). A two-tailed $p < 0.05$ was

considered statistically significant all analyses were performed with the IBM SPSS 27.0 Software.

Results:

Table (1):

Percentage distribution of personal characteristic between the studied groups (No = 60)

Personal characteristic	**Control (G1) (no=30)**		**Study (G2) (no=30)**	
	No	**%**	**No**	**%**
Age				
40-50 year	9	30	10	33.4
50-60 year	21	70.1	20	66.7
Gender				
Male	13	43.3	15	50
Female	17	56.7	15	50
Marital status:				
Single	3	10	4	13.3
Married	18	60	17	56.7
Divorced	0	0	3	10
Widow	9	30	3	20
Level of education :				
Illiterate	7	23.3	3	10
Read & write	7	23.3	3	10
Secondary school	6	20	9	30
High education	10	33.3	15	50
Occupation:				
Employee	11	36.7	13	43.3
House wife	2	6.7	6	20
Worked	17	56.7	11	36.7

Chi-square test, * Statistically significant difference (p<0.05), ** Highly statistically significant difference (p<0.01).

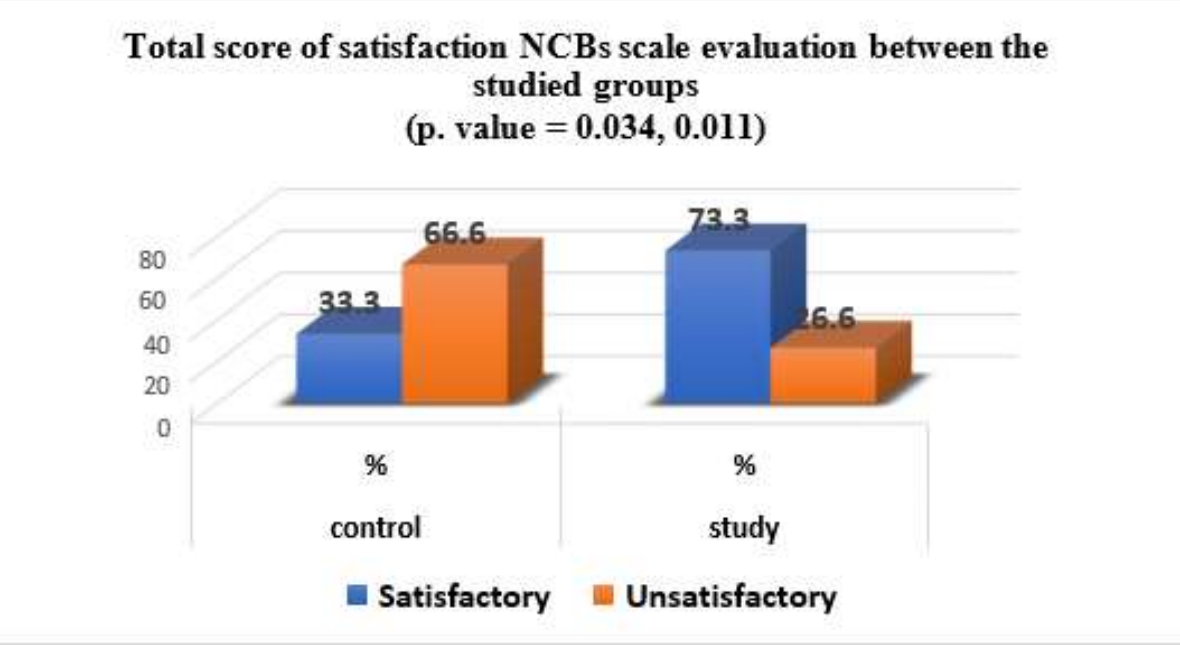

Figure (1): Percentage distribution of total score of patients' satisfaction with NCBs evaluation scale in the both groups

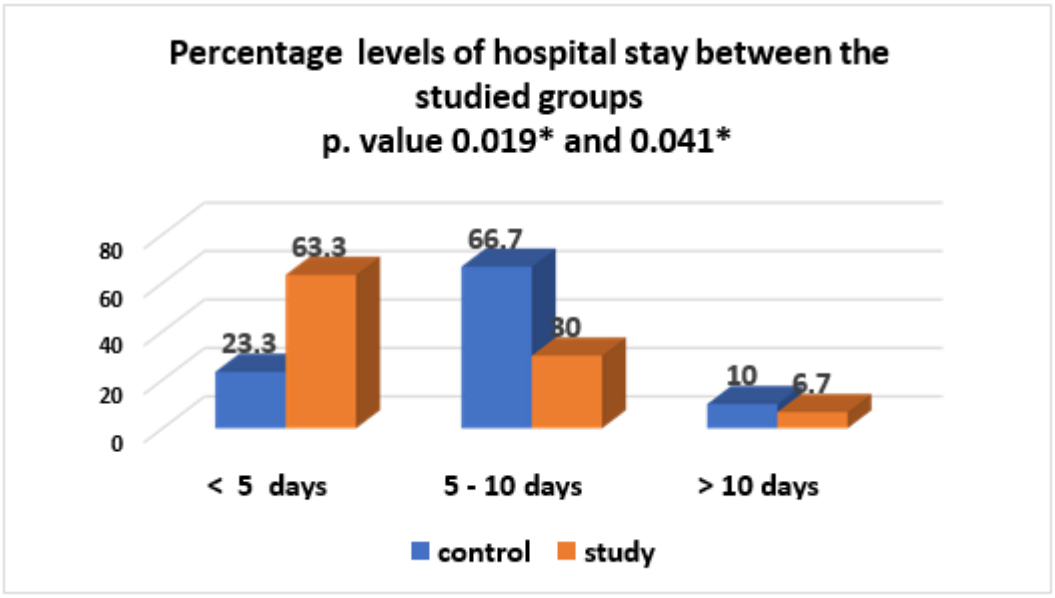

Figure (2): Percentage distribution of hospital length stay in the studied groups

Table (2): Percentage distribution of discharge criteria between the studied groups (No = 60)

Level of progress	Control (no=30)		Study (no=30)		χ2	P. value
	No	%	No	%		
Mortality	3	10	2	6.7	0.200	0.655
Discharge to home	7	23.3	23	76.7	0.209	**0.001****
Discharge to word	20	66.7	5	16.6	1.33	**0.001****

Chi-square test, * Statistically significant difference (p<0.05), ** Highly statistically significant difference (p<0.01).

Table (3): Percentage distribution of Complications of acute diabetic crisis between the both groups (No =60)

Complications	Control (no=30)		Study (no=30)		χ2	P. value
	No	%	No	%		
Hypoglycemia						
- Yes	**15**	**50**	**6**	**20.0**	**3.857**	**.050***
- No	**15**	**50**	**24**	**80**		
Hypokalemia						
- Yes	**16**	**53.3**	**3**	**10**	**1.960**	**0.003***
- No	**14**	**46.7**	**27**	**90**		
Cerebral Edema						
-Yes	**8**	**26.7**	**1**	**3.33**	**5.44**	**0.020***
- No	**22**	**73.3**	**29**	**96.7**		
Arrhythmia						
- Yes	**17**	**56.7**	**7**	**33.3**	**4.16**	**0.041***
- No	**13**	**43.7**	**23**	**76.7**		
Metabolic Acidosis						
-Yes	**16**	**53.3**	**2**	**6.7**	**0.571**	**0.001****
-No	**14**	**46.7**	**28**	**93.3**		

Chi-square test, * Statistically significant difference (p<0.05), ** Highly statistically significant difference (p<0.01).

Table (4): Relation between Complications of acute diabetic crisis & length of hospital stays in the both groups (No =60)

Hospital stays / Complications	Control (no=30)						Study (no=30)						P. (1)	P. (2)
	< 5 days (7)		5-10 days (20)		>10 days (3)		< 5 days (19)		5-10 days (9)		>10 days (2)			
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%		
Hypoglycemia	15	50	15	50	15	50	6	20.0	6	20.0	6	20.0	**0.005**	0.593
Hypokalemia	16	53.3	16	53.3	16	53.3	9	30.0	9	30.0	9	30.0	**0.003**	0.808
Cerebral Edema	8	26.7	8	26.7	8	26.7	1	3.33	1	3.33	1	3.33	0.132	***0.001**

Arrhythmia	17	56.7	17	56.7	17	56.7	7	33.3	7	33.3	7	33.3	0.002	0.796
Acidosis	12	40.0	12	40.0	12	40.0	16	53.3	16	53.3	16	53.3	**0.020**	0.102

Chi-square test, * Statistically significant difference (p<0.05), ** Highly statistically significant difference (p<0.01). p. value (1) = between complications & >10 days hospital stays in control, p. value (2) = complications &>10 days hospital stay in study group.

Table (1) :Illustrated Overall, no personal characteristic variable showed a statistically significant difference between the two groups. In terms of age, the majority being aged 50-60 years in study and control group (70.1% and 66.7% respectively), Gender distribution was nearly equal, with slightly more females in (56.0 % and 50%) respectively. Marital status showed majority were married (60% and 56.7%) respectively. In terms of education, a higher percentage of participants with higher education (33.3% and 50%) respectively. In terms of occupation, more participants in the "worked" category (56.7% and 36.7%) respectively.

Figure (1): demonstrated a statistically significant difference in patient satisfaction scores between the control and study groups regarding nurse caring behaviors (NCBs). A higher percentage of patients in the study group reported satisfactory levels of satisfaction (73.3%) compared to the control group (33.3%) (p=0.034). Conversely, a larger proportion of the control group was unsatisfied (66.6%) compared to the study group (26.6%) (p=0.011). The mean score also reflected this trend, with the study group achieving a significantly higher average satisfaction score (23.67 ± 4.661) compared to the control group (11.20 ± 6.407), with a highly significant p-value of 0.001. These findings indicate that the nurse caring behaviors implemented in the study group positively impacted patient satisfaction levels.

Figure (2): revealed a statistically significant difference in hospital stay duration, with a higher percentage of patients in the study group staying less than 5 days compared to the control group (p=0.019), while the control group had more patients staying between 5 and 10 days (p=0.041). The data showed no statistically significant difference between the control and study groups for hospital stays longer than 10 days (p=0.655).

Table (2): revealed a statistically significant difference in discharge criteria between the control and study groups, with a much higher percentage of patients in the study group being discharged to home (76.7%) compared to the control group (23.3%) (p=0.001). Additionally, more patients in the control group were discharged to the ward (66.7%) compared to the study group (16.6%) (p=0.001), while there was no significant difference in mortality between the groups (p=0.655) regarding their mortality percentage.

Table (3): showed a statistically significant reduction in complications of acute diabetic crises in the study group compared to the control group. Specifically, the study group experienced significantly lower rates of hypoglycemia (p=0.050), hypokalemia (p=0.003), cerebral edema (p=0.020), and arrhythmia (p=0.041), as well as a highly significant reduction in acidosis (p=0.001). There was no statistically significant difference in heart attack and stroke between the groups (p=0.296). These results suggest that the intervention in the study group was effective in reducing several critical complications associated with diabetic crises.

Table (4): Demonstrates relation between complications of acute diabetic crisis & hospital stay in the both groups, reveals noteworthy differences between the control and study groups. Specifically, the control group exhibited a higher prevalence of complications such as hypoglycemia, hypokalemia, and arrhythmia, particularly in patients who stayed longer than 5 days, Conversely, the study group showed lower rates of cerebral edema.

Discussion:

Implementing a Nurse Caring Behavior Protocol in diabetic crisis patients can significantly improve outcomes which are key contributors to poor glycemic control. By providing emotional support, and fostering better patient-nurse relationships, stabilize blood glucose, and enhance patient compliance with treatment Shchaslyvyi et al. [12].

Comprehensive Review of Chronic Pathways and the Efficacy of Behavioral protocol in diabetic crisis patients. This approach not only aids in quicker recovery from diabetic crises but also leads to reduced complications, shorter hospital stays, and improved long-term self-management, ultimately enhancing patient satisfaction and overall quality of life [13]. So, the present study aimed to Evaluate the effect of implementing nurse-caring behavior protocols on patients' satisfaction and their outcomes in acute diabetic crisis management.

The finding of the present study revealed that overall, no personal characteristic variable showed a statistically significant difference between the two groups, they could have a subtle impact on the way participants experience and respond to the intervention.

Regarding the age, it was observed that the majority being aged 50-60 years. The researcher suggested that this age period where diabetes management often becomes more challenging due to age-related declines in insulin sensitivity, the presence of co-morbidities, and slower recovery from health complications.
Also, Tamura et al. [14] emphasized that the link between poor outcomes in older diabetic patients and supports the effectiveness of educational protocols, like the Nurse Caring Behavior Protocol, in preventing diabetic crises in an aging population.

In the other hand, Whitehead & Bergeman [15] who suggested that while impacts diabetes management, the relationship between age and glycemic control might not be as strong as previously thought and they found that younger patients with diabetes may be more affected by fluctuations in blood glucose than older patients, suggesting that age-related factors such as resilience to better coping mechanisms may mitigate the impact of diabetic crises in the elderly.

Regarding the gender, it was found that the distribution was nearly equal, with slightly more females than males. In this context, Shchaslyvyi et al. [12] supported the idea that nurse caring behaviors could be equally effective in preventing diabetic crises for both men and women. While, Thayer et al. [16] suggested that protocols targeting management might have a more pronounced effect in females, though both genders benefit overall.

The existing study reported that higher proportion of participants with higher education. This match with van der Laag et al. [17] showed that individuals with higher education levels are generally more health literate and thus more likely to engage with and benefit from health interventions. Also, Fontecha et al. [18] found that higher education levels correlate with better diabetes self-management and improved health outcomes, supporting the notion that educated patients will likely benefit more from interventions.

In the other hand, Guo et al. [19] argued that while education plays a role, it is not the sole determinant of a patient's ability to manage diabetes effectively. They found that patients with lower education levels can still benefit from well-structured health interventions when appropriate support is provided.

The present study revealed a statistically significant difference in hospital stay duration, with a higher percentage of patients in the study group staying less than 5 days compared to the control group p=0.019, while the control group had more patients staying between 5 and 10 days p=0.041. The data showed no statistically significant difference between the control and study groups for hospital stays longer than 10 days p=0.655.

The researcher suggested that the intervention, possibly involving improved nurse caring behaviors measures, may have contributed to faster recovery or better management of the patients' conditions, leading to earlier discharge. Also, this suggested that, despite the intervention in the study group leading to shorter stays for many patients, the proportion of patients needing prolonged hospitalization over 10 days remained similar in both groups, possibly due to more severe or complicated cases that required extended care regardless of the intervention.

In the same line, Valipoor et al. [20] found that enhanced nurse-patient satisfaction interventions significantly reduced the length of hospital stay adding that patients receiving targeted care interventions experienced shorter stays due to improved recovery and management, especially for stays under 5 days.
Also, Emami et al. [21] and Auriemma et al. [22] supports the idea that implementing patient-centered care protocols, such as nurse-led interventions, can shorten hospital stays by improving patient outcomes and noted that patients receiving structured care were discharged earlier, consistent with the findings that the study group had a higher percentage of stays under 5 days.

Nevertheless, Chang et al. [23] pointed out that hospital stay durations are influenced by various factors, including socioeconomic status and underlying clinical complexities and found the shorter hospital stays might not be associated with improved outcomes, but rather reflect external pressures such as resource limitations. This suggests that the shorter stay in the study group may not always be a positive indicator.

But, Siddique et al. [24] and Decormeille et al. [25] suggested that while nursing interventions can reduce short-term stays, they might not have a significant impact on reducing prolonged hospital stays more than 10 days. They implying that some patients require extended care due to the complexity of their conditions, regardless of the intervention.

The present study indicated a significant difference in levels of patient satisfaction between the control and study groups p=0.034.

The researcher opinion, the significant improvements in patient satisfaction levels observed in the study group underscore the effectiveness of the interventions implemented. The data clearly indicates that the study group not only had a higher percentage of patients achieving moderate and high satisfaction scores but also showed a substantial increase in overall engagement compared to the control group.

In this regard, Tran [26] found that implementing patient-centered care strategies significantly improved patient satisfaction and engagement levels in various clinical settings. Also, a study by Tai-Seale et al. [27] and Akseer et al. [28] highlighted the critical role of effective nurse-patient communication in fostering higher satisfaction levels and improving overall patient satisfaction.

Although, Kwame & Petrucka [29] argued that while some patients may benefit from interactive nursing approaches, others may not respond positively due to individual differences, such as personality traits or previous experiences with healthcare and suggested that improved satisfaction scores might not be universally applicable to all patient populations, which contrasts with the current study's findings.

However, Grover et al. [30] and Schnurr et al. [31] noted that patients with more complex medical histories might struggle to engage with healthcare providers, regardless of nursing interventions and found that underlying health issues could overshadow the effects of improved nursing practices, challenging the notion that interventions alone can significantly boost satisfaction levels.

The present study revealed a statistically significant difference in discharge criteria between the control and study groups, with a much higher percentage of patients in the study group being discharged to

home compared to the control group p=0.001. Additionally, more patients in the control group were discharged to the ward compared to the study group p=0.001, while there was no significant difference in mortality between the groups p=0.655 regarding their mortality percentage.

The researcher point of view that enhanced nursing interventions and patient-centered care can improve discharge outcomes, leading to higher rates of home discharges and fewer transfers to wards but there was a need for a holistic approach that incorporates nursing care alongside other influencing factors for optimal patient outcomes.

So, in this line, Griffiths et al. [32] conducted that patients receiving such interventions were more likely to be discharged home compared to those receiving standard care, similar to the current study's finding that the study group had a higher discharge rate to home. Similarly, Blume et al. [33] and Nikolaisen et al. [34] found that hospitals with higher nurse staffing levels and better nurse-patient satisfactions had significantly lower rates of patient transfers to other hospital wards and higher rates of home discharges.

In contrast, a study by Dall'Ora et al. [35] suggested that discharge outcomes are influenced more by clinical factors, such as disease severity and co-morbidities, than by nursing interventions. They found no significant difference in the discharge destination home versus ward regardless of nursing protocols.

Contrasting with the current study, Fogg et al. [36] and McHugh et al. [37] emphasized that socioeconomic factors, including access to home care support and financial stability, play a more significant role in determining whether patients are discharged to home. In this context, the influence of nursing interventions might be secondary to such external factors.

The present study showed a statistically significant reduction in complications of acute diabetic crises in the study group compared to the control group. Specifically, the study group experienced significantly lower rates of hypoglycemia p=0.050, hypokalemia p=0.003, cerebral edema p=0.020, and arrhythmia p=0.041, as well as a highly significant reduction in acidosis p=0.001. There was no statistically significant difference in heart attack and stroke between the groups p=0.296. These results suggest that the intervention in the study group was effective in reducing several critical complications associated with diabetic crises.

The researcher opinion that this intervention likely improved patient monitoring, timely intervention, and overall management during acute diabetic crises, contributing to better clinical outcomes. The lack of significant difference in heart attack and stroke may indicate that these complications are influenced by broader factors beyond the scope of the intervention, such as pre-existing cardiovascular conditions. Overall, the findings support the value of targeted nursing interventions in managing acute diabetic crises and preventing complications.

In this regard, Gentile et al. [38] found that implementing structured nursing protocols significantly reduced complications in diabetic patients, including hypoglycemia and metabolic disturbances. Cruz [39] and Ralston et al. [40] showed that patient-centered care approaches in managing diabetes led to fewer emergency complications, including cerebral edema and arrhythmias and significantly decreased the incidence of hypoglycemia and hypokalemia among patients.

While, McCall et al. [41] argued that while nursing interventions can improve immediate care, the complexity of diabetes management often leads to complications that are not easily preventable by nursing measures alone. Elmoula et al. [42] and Gibbs et al. [43] suggested that underlying health conditions may overshadow the benefits of nursing interventions, challenging the assertion that improved nursing care alone can significantly reduce complications.

The present study highlights a statistically significant differences between the occurrence of hypoglycemia, hypokalemia, and arrhythmia between regarding the control group, with lower rates

noted in the study group (<10 days hospital stays). Additionally, only the cerebral edema showed a highly significant reduction (p=0.001) in the study group compared to the control group. While acidosis was more prevalent in the study group, the difference was not statistically significant.

The researcher opinion that the results support the hypothesis that nurse-caring behavior protocols contribute significantly to the reduction of complications such as hypoglycemia, hypokalemia, and arrhythmia in patients experiencing an acute diabetic crisis. The highly significant reduction in cerebral edema further highlights the critical role of timely and tailored interventions. However, the increased prevalence of acidosis in the study group warrants further investigation, possibly indicating variations in intervention focus or patient-specific factors.

In this line Johnson et al. [44] demonstrated that nurse-led protocols in diabetic crisis management reduced hypoglycemia and electrolyte imbalances, corroborating the current findings of decreased hypokalemia and hypoglycemia. The study emphasized the importance of early monitoring and individualized care plans in achieving better outcomes. Also, Gupta et al. [45] supported the significant reduction in cerebral edema through targeted nursing interventions, particularly in diabetic ketoacidosis cases. Their findings align with the current study, attributing success to regular monitoring of hydration and glucose levels.

Contrary to the current study's findings on acidosis, a study by Rivera et al. [46] reported a reduction in acidosis with the implementation of nurse-caring protocols. Their research highlighted the role of frequent blood gas monitoring and fluid replacement, which might differ in execution in the current study. However, Elmoula et al. [42] found no significant difference in arrhythmia rates when comparing standard care to enhanced nurse-led protocols. This discrepancy suggests that arrhythmia management may depend on factors beyond nursing care, such as underlying cardiac conditions or patient adherence to treatment.

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