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Comparing the Attitudes and Behaviors of Turkish Nursing Students towards Blood Donation and Their Empathic Tendencies

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Introduction: Blood donation rates are low in Turkey. Determination of the attitudes and behaviors of the nursing students who will work in health sector and lead the society with their knowledge and behaviors towards the blood donation is crucial. The aim of this study was to evaluate the relationship between the attitudes and behaviors of nursing students towards blood donation and their empathic tendencies.

Methods: The study was conducted 135 students in Karabuk University Nursing Department between the October and November 2013. Data in this study was obtained by individual data forms and the scale of empathic tendency. Data were analyzed with chi-square test, Spearman correlation analysis and independent samples t-test.

Results: The rate of blood donation among the participants was low. Although the knowledge level of the nursing students was high, their knowledge regarding the blood donation was insufficient. The relationship between gender and blood donation is significant ($p=0.02$). There was no significant relation between the Empathic Tendency Scale score of the participants and their experience of blood donation ($p=0.83$).

Conclusion: Social projects to encourage the blood donations should be developed and lectures that would contribute to the empathic tendencies of the nursing students should be encouraged.

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