



Validation of an instrument for the history of maternal and child nursing using Horta: a methodological study

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ABSTRACT

Aim: to elaborate an instrument for the nursing history stage focused on maternal and child health service. **Method:** methodological study, with validation of content of an instrument for the nursing history for maternal and child service, based on the reference of Wanda Horta. **Results:** the form contains the following information: identification; vital signs, blood glucose and anthropometric data; clinical data and laboratory tests; interview and observation of the patient; physical examination and basic human needs; printouts. Other needs related to the area (reproduction/growth and development) not provided for by the underlying theory that gave grounds for the study were added. There was an overall content validity index of 0.81 for clarity, 0.85 for relevance, 0.92 for comprehensiveness, and 0.81 for organization. **Conclusion:** instrument built and validated based on Wanda Horta's theory, aimed at the maternal and child clientele, providing an important instrument to document the first stage of the nursing process.

Descriptors: Nursing Care; Nursing Theory; Maternal-Child Nursing; Pregnant Women; Postpartum Period.

INTRODUCTION

The Nursing Process (NP) is a method used to implant, in professional practice, a nursing theory. For this, it is necessary to use a scientific method for the applicability of scientific concepts⁽¹⁾. In Brazil, the most well-known and followed model for the implementation of the NP was the one proposed in 1979 by Wanda Horta, who describes the nursing history as the first stage of the NP⁽²⁾.

Nursing theory should give support so that the instrument for recording data collection (nursing history) can systematize concepts, allowing the whole process to be viable for efficient and effective decision making^(1,3).

The conceptual model chosen to base the instrument constructed in this study was Wanda Horta's basic human needs (BHN), since it is the most commonly used in the maternal and child area since the 1970s⁽⁴⁻⁵⁾, providing a theoretical basis best suited to the specific needs of the clientele served.

This instrument based on this theory, built with scientific evidence and contributions of expertise, allows observing the specificities of hospitalization, with the possibility of nurses envisioning the perspective of an extended care that transcends the biological, technological and automatic dimension⁽⁶⁾.

The justification of this study is based on the understanding that the NP is a requirement of the Conselho Federal de Enfermagem (COFEN - Federal Nursing Council) in the care practices, demanding that the nursing services invest in the construction and validation of instruments that meet their peculiarities, so it can guide and standardize the operationalization of this process⁽⁷⁾.

Physical examination and anamnesis are fundamental to support the next phases of the NP (8), adding quality to care, visibility and recognition to Nursing, as well as supporting the reflection and evaluation of care practices⁽⁹⁾.

In the context of improving the quality of care provided, maternal and child clients deserve special attention, since Brazil presents serious indicators of maternal mortality due to preventable causes. In an attempt to reverse this situation, the United Nations (UN) has established the Millennium Development Goals(10) for eighteen years, 10 which have not been fully achieved, including those related to the promotion of maternal and newborn health. Thus, in 2015, new priorities were established by the UN, known as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). One of the goals of the third SDG is to reduce the overall maternal mortality rate and eliminate the preventable deaths of newborns(11) through actions that improve the quality of prenatal, delivery and postpartum care⁽¹⁰⁾.

Based on this assumption, in order to produce a humanized and quality nursing care in maternal and child health, it is necessary to organize the work in order to allow nurses to know the profile of the clientele served and the human and social needs affected, whether in the prenatal period, labor and delivery or puerperium(8). In this perspective, the nursing history step should include the collection of quality information that is relevant to the context, since an inadequate or inadequate evaluation may lead to an inappropriate diagnosis and/or prescription and to an improper judgment of the state of health of the clientele(12). On the other hand, a well-filled history and with pertinent information will support more effective nursing interventions and the improvement of the quality of care provided to the mother and child clientele.

Given the importance of this phase within the NP, a survey of the documents used by the nursing team was carried out in the setting of this study. It was identified that there were no instruments that would support the phase of data collection. In the scientific databases there were also no studies that contemplated the construction of nursing histories in the maternal and child area.

In response to this challenge, the present study had as objective: to elaborate an instrument for the nursing history stage focused on maternal and child service.

METHODS

The research was developed as a cut of the institutional project called "Systematization of nursing care: the challenge of implementing the methodology in a maternal and child service "already appreciated by the Ethics and Research Council of the institution, where it followed the precepts of Resolution 466/2012 and was approved under the opinion No. 1,165,734 in July 2015. The study was developed from the following steps:

Preliminary stage: literature review

In order to identify studies related to the maternal-infant area and that used the BHN theory of Wanda Horta in the construction of the nursing history, a bibliographic research was performed in the Virtual Health Library through the terms "history of nursing" and "Horta". This search resulted in 17 articles, of which none were related to the maternal and child area. A second round of searches was carried out using the terms "nursing history" and "nursing care systematization" with the same filter used in the first search: complete articles published in Portuguese, English or Spanish. In this new search, the system identified 21 articles, of which only one was related to the maternal-infant area, although the focus was exclusively the obstetric area. Notwithstanding these results, the applicability of this step was important, since the identification of this last article⁽¹³⁾ supported, initially, the construction of the instrument of data collection of the present study.

First step: the construction of the data collection instrument

Based on Wanda Horta's theory, the instrument for collecting data to collect the patient's history was designed to address psychobiological, psycho-spiritual and psychosocial needs, based on the three levels of João Mohana⁽²⁾:

- Psychobiological: oxygenation; hydration; nutrition; elimination; sleep and rest; exercises and physical activities; sexuality; shelter; body mechanics; cutaneous and mucosal integrity; physical integrity; regulation: thermal, hormonal, neurological, hydrosaline, electrolytic, immunological, cell growth, vascular; locomotion; perception: olfactory, visual, auditory, tactile, gustatory, painful; environment; and therapeutic.
- Psychosocial: love; freedom; Communication; creativity; learning; gregarious; recreation; leisure; space; orientation in time and space; acceptance; self-realization; self-esteem; participation; self-image; and attention.
- Psycho-spiritual: religious or theological; ethics or philosophy of life.

Second step: the validation of the data collection instrument

The validation of content and appearance of the instrument elaborated for maternal and child service was carried out, based on the theoretical framework of Wanda Horta.

Content validation determines whether the content of a measuring instrument effectively explores the requirements for measuring a particular phenomenon to be investigated. The Ap-

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pearance Validation strategy that provides judgment on the suitability of items was also used⁽¹⁴⁾. Judges should initially assess the instrument as a whole, determining its scope, and analyze the individual items for clarity and relevance. There is no consensus on the minimum or maximum number of judges, ranging from five to twenty subjects⁽¹⁵⁾.

The letter of invitation, the data collection instrument and the manual with the criteria for evaluation were sent by e-mail along with a written informed consent form to 16 judges selected via Lattes platform, based on the following criteria: the body of judges should be composed of, at least, 50% of nurses graduated with stricto sensu, and the others should have a specialization degree in the maternal and child area; professional experience of, at least, five years of care practice in the area. Of the judges selected and invited, only 6 returned the instruments filled, all with expertise in the area of Nursing Assistance Systematization (NAS). Within this group, three were specialists, two masters and one doctor in the maternal-child area. Responses regarding the evaluation of the data collection instrument were considered as a positive consent to participate in the research.

The content and appearance evaluation stage occurred in August and September 2015, from a Likert scale with a score of one to four (1 = disagree; 2 = partially disagree – this item needs major revision to be representative; 3 = partially agree – this item needs small revision to be representative; 4 = fully agree). Items scoring "1" or "2" were deleted.

The content validity index (CVI) followed from three approaches: S-CVI/Ave (CVI mean for each scale item), S-CVI/UA (proportion of items on a scale that achieves a relevance rating of 3 or 4 for all judges); and I-CVI (calculated as the number of judges who give a rating of 3 or 4 for the item, divided by the total number of experts).

The content validation index of more than 0.80 was considered relevant⁽¹⁶⁾.

For the apparent validation phase, the aspects clarity and understanding and pertinence of the instrument related to the maternal and child area in accordance with the BHN were considered. At the end of the instrument there was still a space for suggestions for adding, withdrawing or modifying items of the instrument.

The judges' answers were tabulated and analyzed in the Excel 2003 program. Items that did not reach the established index were modified and returned to the judges for a new round, and then those who did not meet the target set in the last round were removed from the form. Three rounds were necessary to obtain indices equal to or greater than 0.80 established for the study.

A pilot test was carried out and the form was put into use in the Obstetric Emergency sector, the study scenario, from November to December 2015, so that the nurses of that sector could test the instrument validated.

The inclusion of lay people related to the study would ensure the correction of phrases and terms that are not very clear⁽¹⁵⁾.

RESULTS

First step: the construction of the data collection instrument

The data collection form (figure 1), nursing history, was constructed from the grouping of related information, in order to organize the collected information and the clinical reasoning of the nurse, without losing sight of the support of the theoretical reference of Wanda Horta.

The instrument makes it possible to identify problems and evaluate the maternal and child

clientele, trying to detail, to the maximum, all the information necessary to identify their needs. In addition, it also had as its aim the objectivity and focus on the possible problems of the maternal and child clientele, with the intention of not recording irrelevant information, which could divert the clinical reasoning of the nurse to disposable information or of little relevance, besides wasting both interviewee and interviewer time.

It was structured as a systematized guide so that data collection culminated with the establishment of nursing diagnoses and interventions, with the entire itinerary for the adequate implementation of NP and better organization of the data of the first stage.

The roadmap was elaborated with the following domains: identification; vital signs, blood glucose and anthropometric data; clinical data and laboratory tests; interview and observation of the patient (data of current hospitalization, current gestation and breastfeeding, if applicable); physical examination and basic human needs (psychobiological, psychosocial and psycho-spiritual needs); impressions or intercurrences. The following is a detail of the domains of this instrument:

- Identification the first part of the instrument is constituted by the identification of the patient that provides elements for the individualization of care and some sociodemographic data that situate the nurse in relation to the clientele served. This phase includes all the necessary data to begin the interview with the patient, besides allowing the host with risk classification, taking into account the clinical evaluation by priority (more severe cases).
- Vital signs, blood glucose and anthropometric data - second part, in which the vital signs (axillary temperature, apical pulse, breathing, blood pressure, pain scale) are presented;

- peripheral blood glucose; weight and height of the patient.
- Clinical data and laboratory tests in the third part results of the laboratory tests are included: stool, urine, blood count, among others, besides other clinical data of interest of the nurse.
- *Interview and patient observation* the fourth part called the interview begins with data from the current hospitalization, defining the profile of the woman as a puerperal or pregnant woman, basic pathology and other relevant items. After completing data related to the current hospitalization, the interview takes place according to the patient's condition. If you are pregnant, you will fill in the following items: "Current gestation data"; "Previous breastfeeding data" (if you have previous experiences with breastfeeding). In the case of postpartum women, they will respond to the items: "previous breastfeeding data" and "current breastfeeding data", with the identification of possible risk factors and nursing problems that may support nursing interventions related to breastfeeding.
- Physical examination and basic human needs

 the fifth part groups up the items related to BHNs and those that have been grouped into psychobiological, psychosocial and psycho-spiritual needs in accordance with the emerging concepts of Wanda Horta's theory, adjusted to the problems commonly found in the maternal and child clientele, as can be seen below:
- 1. *Psychobiological*: neurological regulation; oxygenation; vascular regulation; thermal regulation; olfactory perception, auditory visual, tactile, gustatory, painful; nutrition; hydration; hydrosaline and electrolytic regulation; intestinal and bladder elimination; cutaneous-mucosal integrity, immunological regulation; therapy; sleep and rest; body care;

exercise and physical activities; body mechanics; motility; locomotion; sexuality; environment and shelter; reproduction/growth and development.

- 2. Psychosocial: neurological regulation; oxygenation; vascular regulation; thermal regulation; olfactory perception, auditory visual, tactile, gustatory, painful; nutrition; hydration; hydrosaline and electrolytic regulation; intestinal and bladder elimination; cutaneous-mucosal integrity, immunological regulation; therapy; sleep and rest; body care; exercise and physical activities; body mechanics; motility; locomotion; sexuality; environment and shelter; reproduction/growth and development.
- 2. *Psychosocial*: learning; recreation and leisure; love; acceptance; attention; gregariousness; self-esteem; safety; Communication.
- 3. Psycho-spiritual: religion.

Second step: the validation of the data collection instrument

Table 1 shows the results of the judges' evaluation for each domain identified after the rounds. I-CVI was verified for clarity, pertinence, comprehensiveness and organization ranging from 0.83 to 1. It was also identified the global CVI (S-CVI/Ave, S-CVI/UA) that was 0.81 for clarity, 0.85 for relevance, 0.92 for comprehensiveness and 0.81 for organization. All items with I-CVI lower than 0.80 were withdrawn from the instrument.

Some items were excluded from the form by the researchers: the item "eyes" was removed from the need for visual perception, section Physical Exam/basic human needs, since visual acuity is already contemplated in this section; the "visual pain scale" was excluded from the form, leaving only the result of the pain assessment in the Vital Signs section, blood glucose and anthropometric data in order to improve the

form space. As a suggestion, the pain scale was fixed at the nursing consultation table.

After 3 rounds of evaluation of the judges, the included items were: "prenatal site" in the *Identification* section; "pain" was included in the *Vital Signs* section; "LMP" (last menstruation period) and "USG" (ultrasonography) were included to determine which method was used to calculate the current gestational age; "desired gestation" was included in current gestation data in the *Interview and Observation* section of the patient; "Peripheral perfusion" in the need for vascular regulation; "Did not bring" and "does not have" were included for immunization schedule in need of immunological regulation, *Physical examination/basic human needs* section.

The reformulated items, on the other hand, that were related to the human needs of reproduction and growth/development section of *Physical Exam/basic human needs* were reorganized to facilitate understanding and objectivity. The information was subdivided into "current gestation data" and "current puerperium data".

It was suggested that the section *Vital Signs*, *glycemia* and anthropometric data be allocated at the beginning of the form because they are important data and may somehow define the need for immediate nursing care or provide data for a drug therapy. The importance of contemplating breastfeeding data on the form was emphasized, due to the specificity of the clientele attended at the institution.

After all these steps, the following form was obtained (figure 1):

DISCUSSION

The collection and organization of the data in the nursing history will enable an important structure for the nurse to correctly determine diagnoses, prescription and nursing evolutions⁽¹⁾.

Table 1. Distribution of Content Validity Indices. Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 2016

Domains	Clarity (I-CVI)	Relevance (I-CVI)	Comprehensive- ness (I-CVI)	Organiza- tion (I-CVI)
Vital signs, blood glucose, anthropometric data	1	1	1	0,83
Clinical data laboratory tests	1	1	1	1
Interview and patient observation				
Current hospitalization data	1	0,83	1	1
Current gestation data	1	1	1	1
Breastfeeding data	0,83	1	1	1
Physical examination / psychobiological needs				
Neurological regulation	1	1	1	1
Oxygenation	1	1	0,83	1
Vascular regulation	1	0,83	1	1
Thermal regulation	1	1	1	1
Olfactory, visual, auditory, tactile, gustatory, painful	1	1	1	1
perception	·	·	•	
Nutrition	1	1	1	0,83
Hydrosaline / electrolytic hydration / regulation	1	1	1	1
Bowel and bladder elimination	1	1	1	1
Skin-mucosal integrity	1	1	1	1
Immune regulation	1		1	0,83
Therapy	1	1	1	1
Sleep and rest	1	1	1	0,83
Body care	0,83	1	1	1
Exercise and physical activities / body mechanics / motili-	1	1	1	0,83
ty / locomotion	1	1	1	1
Sexuality Environment / shelter	1	0,83	1	1
	•	0,63 1	1	1
Reproduction / growth and development	0,83	ı	Į	ļ
Physical examination / psychosocial needs	4		0.02	4
Learning (health education)	1	1	0,83	1
Recreation / Pleasure	0,83	1	1	I
Love / acceptance / caring / gregariousness / self-esteem / safety	0,83	1	1	1
Communication	1	1	1	1
Psycho-spiritual needs	1	0,83	1	1

Source: Authors

All subsequent NP steps are linked to the data collected. In this sense, it is of paramount importance that these data be complete and organized, enabling the nurse to evaluate the patient's responses to adverse conditions⁽¹⁷⁾.

Patient health data should be grouped together with related information, focusing on human response and functioning patterns. This grouping is one of the bases of critical thinking that favors nurses to have an objective view of health problems, making their judgment and

inferences correct. The instrument should be designed to contain relevant and holistic information, taking into account the biological, social, psychological and spiritual spheres, according to the nursing theory used⁽¹⁾.

The indispensable minimum items to contemplate an adequate nursing history are: identification data; perception and expectations of the patient (previous experiences, problems, what is known about the disease, among others); basic needs (nutrition, hydration, elimination,

Figure 1. Nursing history for maternal and child clientele. RJ, 2016



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IDENTIFICATION □					
Name: Birth: Reg:					
Date: Time of Hospitalization: Ethnicity: () white () brown () black					
() indigenous () yellow. Neighborhood: Marital status: Nationality: Prenatal: () No () Yes.					
Marital status: Nationality: Prenatal: () No () Yes.					
Place:No. of consultations					
Place: No. of consultations Profession: Education: Risk Rating on Admission: () blue () green () yellow () orange () red					
Risk Rating on Admission: () blue () green () yellow () orange () red					
VITAL SIGNS / GLYCEMIA / ANTHROPOMETRIC DATA					
T: °C P: bpm R: irpm PA: X mmHg Pain: Glycemia: g/dl					
Weight: Height:					
CLINICAL DATA AND LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS					
Caution: () contact () droplets () aerosol () standard Laboratory Tests:					
PATIENT INTERVIEW AND OBSERVATION					
Data of the current hospitalization					
Main Complaint:					
Pathology: () HAS () SHG () DM () DMG () HIV () Syphilis () Others:					
Pregnant: Para: Abortion: Types of Delivery: CD: ND: Last Delivery:					
() Current GI Pregnant Woman: Method () DUM () USG					
() Puerperal – ND () CD () Abortion () Spring () Removal of stitches () Tubal ligation					
() Mastitis () Others:					
Medication use: () Yes () No Which:					
Chronic Pain () No () Yes Place:					
Use of prosthesis: () No () Yes Place:					
Use of prosthesis: () No () Yes Place: Illicit drugs: () Yes () No Which: Smoke () Yes () No.					
Alcoholic beverages: () Yes () No. Victim of sexual violence *: () Yes () No					
Current Gestation Data: () Yes () No					
Previous Hospitalizations in Current Gestation: () Yes () No. Reason and date:					
Weight before pregnancy: DUM: Desired pregnancy: () Yes () No					
Desired pregnancy: () Yes () No					
Breastfeeding Data					
Previous history: () No () Yes					
Breastfed other children: () Yes () No. Exclusive breastfeeding: () Yes () No					
breastfeeding Time: Made use of artificial nozzles: () Yes () No Which:					
Did you use any ointment for nipples: () Yes () No Reason:					
Made use of nipple shell: () Yes () No Reason:					
Cumanta () No. () Vos					
Current: () No () Yes Prooffood the shild () Yes () No. Intend to be estimated evaluatively () Yes () No.					
Breastfeed the child () Yes () No Intend to breastfeed exclusively: () Yes () No Type of milk at the moments () Colortyum () Milk of transition () Mature milk					
Type of milk at the moment: () Colostrum () Milk of transition () Mature milk Make use of complement: () Yes () No Which?					
Make use of complement. () Les () No which:					

Indicated by pediatrician: () No () Yes Since when did you start?		
Current child makes use of artificial beak: () Yes () No Which one?		
Make use of shell for nipples currently: () Yes () No Reason:		
Do you currently use any ointment for nipples: () Yes () No		
* Ask the medical staff to fill out the sexual violence notification form		
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION / BASIC HUMAN NEEDS		
Psychobiological needs		
Neurological Regulation		
Level of consciousness: () Lucid () oriented () Confused () disoriented () Unconscious		
MMSS () preserved () paresis () plegia () paresthesia () uncoordinated movements		
MMII () preserved () paresis () plegia () paresthesia () incoordinated movements		
Headache () Yes () No		
Pupils: () Isocoric () Anisocoric () Myoses () Mydriasis		
Speech and Language: () No Changes () With changes. Which ones?		
Oxygenation		
Breathing: () Eupneica () Taquipneica () Dyspnea () Bradpneia		
Pulmonary auscultation: Presence of MV () Bilaterally () Decreased Local		
Adventitious Noises () R/L Snoring () R/L Spurs () R/L Spinners		
Cough: () No () Productive () Unproductive		
Cyanosis: () No () Yes Place:		
Vascular Regulation		
Cardiac Beats: () Eucardic () Tachycardic () Bradycardic		
Pulse: () Regular () Irregular () Unpalatable () Filiform () Full		
Edema: () No () Yes Place:		
Blood Pressure: () Normotensive () Hypotensive () Hypertensive		
Venous Network Peripheral: () Preserved () Committed		
Skin: () Flushed () Hypocouple () Cyanotic		
Presence of Varicose Veins: () No () Yes		
Free calves: () Yes () No Changes:		
Peripheral perfusion: () Normal () Slowed		
Thermal regulation		
() Normothermic () Hypothermic () Hyperthermic () Sweating		
Olfactory, visual, auditory, tactile, gustatory, painful perception		
Smell: () No Changes () Changed. Which?		
Visual acuity: () No changes () Changed. Which?		
Hearing: () No Changes () Changed. Which?		
Tact: () No Changes () Changed. Which?		
Palate: () No Changes () Changed. Which?		
Acute pain: () No pain () Mild pain () Moderate pain () Intense pain Place:		
Nutrition		
Food and Appetite: () Diet Zero () Normal () Increased () Decreased		
Abdomen: () Plane () Globose () Distended () Painful to Palpation () Others:		

AFU: cm Uterine Dynamics: BCF () present bpm () absent					
Contractions: () Yes () No. Fetal movements: () Present () Absent () Do not know how to inform.					
Vaginal losses: () No () Light () Light with lumps () Greenish () Brownish					
Vaginal bleeding: () Yes () No Volume: () Small () Moderate () Accentuated					
Command any ann animum data					
Current puerperium data					
Breasts: () Flaccid () Tense () Ingurgitized () Hyperemias () Heat () Secretion.					
Aspect: Safety Globe: () Yes () No. Height: cm					
Nipples: () Plain () Semi-protruded () Protruded () Inverted () Fissure () Excoriation					
Surgical wound: () Dry () Hyperemia () Edema () Secretion () Odor					
Vaginal losses (lochia): () Yes () No () bloody fluid () serum-like bloody fluid () serous					
Volume: () Small () Moderate () Accentuated					
Psychosocial needs					
Learning (Health education)					
Understand / execute the therapeutic regimen appropriately: () Yes () No () Not applicable					
Oriented about breastfeeding in prenatal: () Yes () No					
Recreation / Entertainment					
Recreation and Entertainment: () Satisfactory () Unsatisfactory					
Love / Acceptance / Attention / Greed / Self-esteem / Safety					
Emotional: () Preserved emotional stability () Anxiety () Crying () Anguish () Agitation () Fear					
() Applicant () Other:					
family / friends support: () Yes () No					
Accompanied at the time of admission: () Yes () No Who:					
Right to escort during hospitalization: () Yes () No					
Communication					
Satisfactory communication: () Yes () No. If not why?					
Use of LIBRAS: () Yes () No					
Psycho-spiritual needs					
Religion: () Yes () No Which?					
Need for spiritual support: () Yes () No					
If it is possible to fill only the identification, vital signs, blood glucose and anthropometric data; justify:					
OBS: In this case, the filling must be performed in the hospitalization unit.					
ODS. In this case, the fating must be performed in the hospitalization unit.					
IMPRESSIONS OR INTERCORRENCES					

Fonte: pelos autores, 2016.

sleep and rest, body care, recreation, spiritual); physical exam; problems or patterns of communication⁽²⁾.

Patient identification data should be as complete as possible, including: full name, ward, bed, record, sex, age, marital status, nationality, occupation, educational level and admission date⁽²⁾.

It is necessary to promote the understanding, as accurately as possible, of the history of the patient's current illness. When recalling the events related to health conditions, the patient should be the protagonist and the more he reports on his own health more reliable it will be⁽¹⁸⁾.

The phases prior to the physical examination are also called by some anamnesis authors. The nursing history includes the phases of anamnesis and the physical examination. Anamnesis is defined as the first phase of the process, and it may contain subjective, objective, historical and current data. These can be obtained through: interview, observation, results of diagnostic tests and review of medical records and collaboration of other professionals. It should provide a complete picture of the history of the person's current and past pathological disease⁽¹⁸⁾.

However, as in all NP, this systematization is only didactic, as the phases overlap and, in this sense, the evaluation of basic human needs occurs simultaneously to physical examination.

The physical examination is a valuable tool for care, since it allows nurses to validate the findings of the anamnesis, identify problems, define nursing diagnosis, plan and program nursing actions and follow the evolution of the patient⁽¹⁸⁾.

As a relevant step, we look for abnormalities, objective and verifiable signs that may contain information on significant health problems for the identification of nursing diagnoses, essential support for care planning⁽¹⁸⁾.

In this study, it was observed that, in order

for the form to be objective and its construction relevant, with data covering the maternal-infant area, the incorporation of other psychobiological needs not contemplated by Wanda Horta was necessary. They were: needs of reproduction and growth/development already studied and validated by other authors, who also took as base the BHN of Wanda Horta, as the nomenclature CIPESC* of Curitiba⁽¹⁹⁾.

It was also evident that the incorporation of all the human needs listed by Wanda Horta would not be objective and focal to the construction of history in the area of study. In this way, the needs that best fit the mother-child clientele were selected. This method was also used by other authors in the construction of nomenclatures in the area of human needs, in the case of CIPESC® of Curitiba(19). This classification comprises 25 needs, ten of which are foreseen by Horta(2), thirteen indicated by other authors(20), and two new needs that did not appear in previous nomenclatures, namely: reproduction and growth/development related to the psychobiological needs of the individual.

It should be mentioned that the CIPESC*(19) nomenclature did not list the needs, predicted by Horta*(2), for body regulation, except for vascular and immunological regulation, which are basal for collective health practice focusing on the consultations directed to pregnant women and children. The basic human needs of physical integrity, safety and environment, shelter, mechanics, body, locomotion, leisure, love and acceptance, communication, creativity, self-realization and space are not included in the nomenclature CIPESC*.

The validation phase of the instrument by judges and the suggestions made by them was important in that it was verified that the instrument included the most relevant data related to Wanda Horta's Theory, focusing on the maternal and child area. It was also at this stage that specific needs related to the area of study (reproduction/growth and development), not provided for in the basic theory, were added, and that alternatives were created to support the information needed to attend to the aforementioned psychobiological needs.

It should be emphasized that, even though it has been validated by experts in the field, the instrument presents itself as a technology that does not rule out the capacity for critical analysis and judgment of nurses when performing NP. The instrument aims to facilitate the data collection phase and the consequent identification of nursing problems and diagnoses, fulfilling its role in the first stage of the nursing process.

CONCLUSION

The nursing history is applied in the initial phase of the NP, because it is precisely in this first approach with the patient that nurses must become familiar with patients' history and seek to establish mutual trust that facilitates the establishment of the link.

Once established this link, associated to an anamnesis and a well structured physical examination, it is possible to identify the biopsychosocial and spiritual changes of the patient. Given this recognition, the NP can follow, by defining nursing diagnoses, goals and/or nursing prescriptions, through registries, with the aim of placing the nurse as an active agent for the development of their care.

The search for literature review to support scientific knowledge was extremely important to solidify the choice of Wanda Horta's Theory, understanding that its central concepts could be applied in our practice.

The validation of the instrument by judges helped to adapt it to the theory adopted and

provided a method to the stage of the nursing history envisaged in the NP, which can be adapted according to the characteristics of other services and serve as a support for the direction of related studies to the NP in the maternal and child area.

The implanted instrument may still undergo changes at the suggestion of the professionals who use it; however, the evaluation has been positive since the instrument facilitates the annotation of care data, corroborating to an increase in the quality of nursing records, and provides attributes for the recognition and appreciation of nurses in their care practice.

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