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Title: Content Validation of Advanced Practice Role Delineation Tool

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Background

Advanced practice nursing is often used in the literature as an all-encompassing umbrella term. However, it is necessary to distinguish between general, specialist, and advanced practice nursing roles to create practice standards and guide the development of these roles. The Strong Model of Advanced Practice was developed in the US in the 90s. In recent years this model and its modifications e.g., the Advanced Practice Role Delineation tool, have been used around the world. It is imperative to provide research evidence on the validity of the tool.

Objectives

To describe the findings of the Advanced Practice Role Delineation tool content validation study.

Methods or Approach

A content validation study with three rounds (n=9, n=8, n=5) was conducted in 2019 to assess the content of the Advanced Practice Role Delineation Tool in Finland.

Key learnings or results

Based on the content validation study, a 45-item amendment of the Advanced Practice Role Delineation tool was created. The item content validity index of the modified 45-item Advanced Practice Role Delineation tool varied between 0.88 and 1.00, reflecting excellent item validity. Furthermore, the Scale Content Index Average of 0.97 indicates high content validity and acceptability of the modified tool.

Conclusion

This study validated the Advanced Practice Role Delineation tool in the Finnish context thus the results may be limited in other countries. However, the steps taken in this study were effective and may be replicated in other countries. Future studies will need to validate the modified tool in different contexts.

Significance (Impact and Research)

For the first time, Advanced Practice Role Delineation tool validation resulted in the addition of new items to the tool. Five new items identified by the expert panel, reflect the contemporary changes in nursing and advanced practice nursing activities and modern 21st-century healthcare organizations.