

Applicability of the scientific method of the phenomenology of the practice of oncologic nursing

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND: The phenomenology deals with the practice of a qualitative scientific method, endorsed by van Manen who aims to analyse the phenomenon associated with what is experienced by the person. The hermeneutic phenomenology of van Manen has been particularly influent in the investigation of the experience lived associated in situations of health/disease. This method articulates the phenomenology, hermeneutics, semiotics, using a process of research which incorporates a consideration of what is experienced, that values and improves the understanding of the human experience^[1]. It is a scientific and rigorous method to analyse phenomenological data collected from various sources^[2]. The bibliometry concept is co-substantiated in the use of the statistical and mathematical methods, that is, quantitative methods, from the original items available in the databases^[3,4]. **OBJECTIVE:** This research aims to identify in the scientific literature, the applicability of the scientific method of phenomenology in oncologic nursing practice through a bibliometric research. **METHODS:** As a method a bibliometric review was used, using bibliometric indicators, setting up a quantitative and objective consideration. **RESULTS:** We gathered 19 items to analyse, being that, 73% of the items have as a target population the oncologic patient. In this population the predominant topic is the experiencing of the disease and the specific treatment procedures. The rest of the items are directed at the parents of the oncologic patient and the care giving nurses in this field. The reviews are published in magazines with an average impact factor of 1,337 and with a maximum of 54 registered citations. Based on the observation of the bibliometric map we are able to confirm the association of the terms experience, study and cancer, besides this, these stand out more, which means that these are the terms which had a greater number of citations. The words patient and meaning are emphasised in a strong correlation. **CONCLUSIONS:** The application of the scientific method of phenomenology of the oncologic nursing practice is important for the understanding of the meaning of the life experience in the process of the oncologic disease, because it allows for the understanding of the needs, emotions, the care which has consequences in the provision of care.

Keywords: *phenomenology of the practice, bibliometric analyses, qualitative research, qualitative research, nursing, oncology nursing.*

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