

constructs of care

Building Children's Nursing for Africa Conference

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Building Children's Nursing for Africa conference 2019: 'Constructs of Care'

A participative conference for nurses who work with children, newborns to adolescents, and their families, to consider and celebrate their contribution to excellence in care

An interview with Denyse Musengimana (Assistant Lecturer at General Nursing Department, University of Rwanda, Kigali) by Ireen Muleya (2nd year MNCN student)



Denyse has just completed her Master's in child nursing and attended the Building Children's Nursing for Africa conference with her supervisor.

Why did you attend the Building Children's Nursing for Africa conference?

To share my research, which was: "Assessment of parental and barriers in neonatal care units in the Muhima district Hospital in Kigali, Rwanda". Another reason was to get ideas and knowledge on what other paediatric nurses do.

What did you find interesting at the conference?

The presentations were very educative and interesting. I especially liked a presentation by Ireen Kamanga from Malawi on "Family led care: building provider - parent partnership for improved care of small newborns". This is where a model was developed to engage families as partners in care. They developed and implemented a basic care family monitoring form for babies receiving kangaroo mother care and a 3 hourly feeding chart to monitor babies more than 1500g. These tools were developed, and mothers were taught how to use them

while in hospital and after the baby's discharge they continued at home. This strengthened discharge care and follow up.