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Abstract

Introduction:

There is increasing literature suggestive of the positive benefits of 'spirituality' and their links to health and wellbeing. We wished to explore staff's perceptions of spirituality and spiritual care working in a single district health area in New Zealand.

Method:

A staff survey was undertaken using a questionnaire incorporating the validated 17-item Spirituality and Spiritual Care Rating Scale (SSCRS) and a new 4-item Spiritual Care Confidence Scale (SCCS).

Results:

635 participants completed the survey (48.4% nurses, 10.7% physicians, 36.6% allied health professionals and administration staff). Participants identifying a religious belief had a higher mean score for spiritual care confidence than staff reporting no religion, $t(608) = -3.69$, $p =$

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