**CONCERNS AND EXPERIENCES OF THE NURSES CARING FOR THE PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19**

**COVID-19 TANILI HASTAYA BAKIM VEREN HEMŞIRELERIN PANDEMI SÜRECINDEKI KAYGILARI VE DENEYIMLERI**

**Abstract**

**Aim:**

Health professionals who have direct contact with patients, provide primary care and have the longest contact time are nurses. The pandemic caused by Covid-19, a virus with high mortality, high spreading rate, no clear treatment and no vaccine, causes anxiety and fear in nurses. This study aimed to evaluate the anxiety and experience of the nurses who care for patients diagnosed with Covid-19.

**Method**

This study was carried out based on cross-sectional research principles. This study was carried out with 327 nurses providing care to the hospitalized patients diagnosed with Covid-19.

**Results**

The nurses stated that 70.6% of them had increased anxiety, and 51.1% of the nurses stated that they were concerned about the transmission of this disease to themselves while giving care to the patient diagnosed with Covid-19. Approximately half of the nurses (49.5%) stated that they needed psychological support.

**Conclusion**

Nurses experience problems such as impaired sleep pattern, increased anxiety level, and increased fear and anxiety about transmitting the virus to themselves, their families, loved ones, friends and colleagues. In order to ensure that nurses cope with these problems and work efficiently during the Covid-19 pandemic process.

**Keywords**

***Nurses, Covid-19 Pandemic Process, Concerns and Experiences***