

## **EVALUATION OF NURSES KNOWLEDGE REGARDING TO ESSENTIAL HYPERTENSION AT BASRA GENERAL HOSPITAL**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study was conducted at Basra General Hospital in Basra city (south of Iraq). A descriptive design was carried throughout the present study from January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The study aims to evaluate level of nurses knowledge about hypertension disease. A purposive sample of (100) nurses was selected who work at the certain hospital. A questionnaire was constructed for the purpose of the study. It comprised of (20) question related to hypertension disease. Content validity of the questionnaire was determined through panel of experts .The data were collected through the application of structural interview. Data collection was initiated from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to June15<sup>th</sup> 2013. The data were analyzed through the application of descriptive data analysis (frequency, percentage). The study concluded that the majority of nurses represent the educational level of preparatory schools of nursing, those nurse shave better level of knowledge about hypertension disease comparing with nurses of institute, generally, nurses of both educational levels have good knowledge about hypertension. The study recommended that nurses from different educational levels should be involved in more obligatory courses regarding such diseases particularly those who work in medical-surgical wards to develop and enrich their knowledge, more studies should be conducted continuously on large numbers of nurses to follow up their level of knowledge.

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