Purpose: The first undergraduate nursing education in Turkey was initiated in 1955 and nursing was accepted as a scientific discipline then. From this date on, nurses started to show interest to research. With the opening of doctoral and master programs in nursing in 1972, nurses started to perform occupational research studies and present them in national and international scientific meetings. However when compared with the other health sciences, nursing research in our country is a pretty new development. Nursing thesis conducted on nursing management in Turkey was examined.

Methods: The nursing theses that performed and approved in the last 15 years (2000-2015) were scanned in the database of Turkish Council of Higher Education Thesis Center. The nursing theses that performed and approved in the last 15 years were scanned in the database of Turkish Council of Higher Education Thesis Center (1). Using Arksey and O’Malley’s methodological framework, a comprehensive scoping study was undertaken between October 2015 and January 2016 to review the literature on analysis of nursing thesis about nursing management in Turkey (2). This method was chosen as a technique to ‘map’ the literature in the field, examining the extent, range and nature of research activity and identifying any gaps in existing knowledge. Last of all, 50 nursing thesis (5 doctoral and 45 master’s thesis) on nursing management were analyzed. Last of all, 50 nursing thesis (5 doctoral and 45 master’s thesis) on nursing management were analyzed.

Results: Doctoral thesis topics generally focused on management nurse’s job satisfaction, leadership behaviors and practice, communication skills and management success. All of the doctoral thesis was performed as an descriptive study.

Master thesis topics generally focused on management nurse’s time management, transformational leadership style, decision making strategies, power, managerial and organizational issues, ethical and management skills. All of the master thesis was performed as an descriptive study. Most of the master thesis was carried out in 2010 and 2012.

Conclusion: The number of doctoral nursing thesis on nursing management is not sufficient. All of nursing thesis on nursing management is descriptive study which reveals the existing problems. Although they are important and quality researches, more experimental studies should be done by applying the nursing model.

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