P1-27: The Historical "Story" of Story Theory for Nursing Practice and Research with a Vision for the Next Chapter

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Abstract:
Introduction: Story theory is a middle range theory for the nursing discipline; it shows promise for promoting the nursing discipline's role in the prevention and management of chronic disease in the next decade. Story theory has been proposed as a theory to guide both nursing research and practice. Multiple nursing studies have used qualitative and/or quantitative approaches to data analysis using the theory. This presentation’s aims are to place the use of story theory in the context of the teleological approach to nursing inquiry as it is revealed in the development of the history of philosophy and nursing science and to outline how the theory can be used in the decade ahead to inform the prevention and management of chronic disease.

Method(s): Story theory provides a framework that can be used to collect data in both nursing practice and research. Story theory conceptualizing a Western approach to time, approaches data with the assumption of a beginning, middle and an end. The determination of the analytic approach depends on the research question(s) and design. Qualitative and quantitative analysis using the theory will be outlined and discussed. In practice a nurse can use the theory to elicit a patient history that both informs the nursing process and has the potential of a therapeutic benefit for the patient. Examples of the method of story in practice will also be discussed.

Results: The presenter will situate the use of story theory in the history of the development of nursing science and then draw parallels to the logic of collecting stories for the purposes of nursing research and practice.
Discussion & Conclusions: Story theory can be used for nursing practice and knowledge development. Situating the use of this approach in the history of the development of nursing science has the potential to reveal patterns that can benefit the discipline and those it seeks to serve.

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