Consumer-Directed Teaching of Health Care Professionals Involved in the Care of People With Spinal Cord Injury: The Consumer–Professional Partnership Program

ABSTRACT

The Consumer–Professional Partnership Program (CPPP) was developed to increase patient participation in the education of nurses and other health care professionals. Its goal is to inform nurses about disability and health issues from the perspective of people with spinal cord injury. This article discusses the development of this program and the first experiences with its implementation. Forty-three nursing professionals took part in CPPP training. Initial participant responses were positive, especially with regard to hearing from consumers about care preferences, barriers to care, and ways to improve patient–provider interaction.


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