Terminal syndrome in end-of-life adults
- diagnosis accuracy study -

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INTRODUCTION

Death is inevitable and providing safe and effective palliative care (PC), including end-of-life care, is a global health priority. In view of the growing complexity of the provision of nursing care in PC, a safe and evidence informed intervention is essential.

The nursing diagnosis of terminal syndrome needs further research to help nurses in timely and accurate diagnosis.
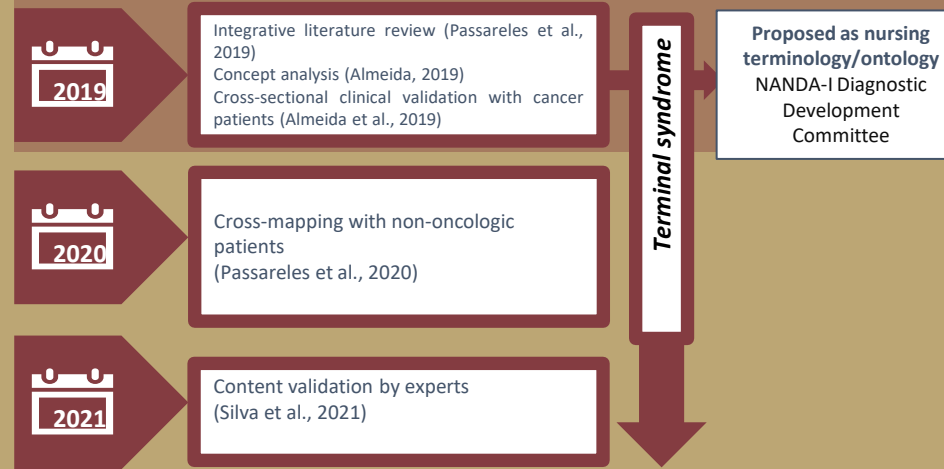
OBJECTIVE

To determine the specificity, sensitivity and predictive values of nursing diagnoses that integrate terminal syndrome in adults at the end of life.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE ?

2019
Integrative literature review (Passareles et al., 2019)
Concept analysis (Almeida, 2019)
Cross-sectional clinical validation with cancer patients (Almeida et al., 2019)

2020
Cross-mapping with non-oncologic patients
(Passareles et al., 2020)

2021
Content validation by experts
(Silva et al., 2021)

Terminal syndrome

Proposed as nursing terminology/ontology
NANDA-I Diagnostic Development Committee

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Method: diagnostic accuracy, quantitative, retrospective study.

Data collection: clinical records, using a digital form.

Sample: all adult patients who have died in an inpatient service of a PC unit, between the years of 2018 and 2022. A sample of more than 1000 adults is estimated.

Data analysis: Statistical Package for the Social Sciences version 22.0 software.
Approved by an **ethics** committee.

EXPECTED RESULTS

It is intended to evaluate the accuracy of the nursing diagnoses and defining characteristics that constitute the defining characteristics of the terminal syndrome.

STUDY IMPLICATIONS

It is expected that this study will encourage nursing practice in PC based on scientific evidence at the level of caring for people with this condition, supporting clinical reasoning, but also that it can contribute with evidence for the updating the level of evidence of the nursing diagnosis.

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