

MODERN CONCEPT IN CHILD HEALTH CARE

The concept of pediatric nursing revolves around the establishment of better child care through the pediatric care unit. At around 1888 AD, ancient physicians realized that the diseases affecting children were different from adult diseases.

Pediatrics, as a distinct unit, started in 1860 with the help of Dr. Abraham Jacob. Since then, there have been considerable efforts to create public awareness of antenatal and pediatric care.

The modern concepts of child care involve the following aspects: Primary health care concept with the Interdisciplinary team approach to plan & provide child care in comprehensive manner.

- The development of rights of the child in pediatric nursing which makes parents more comfortable with the child care programs.
- Activating the child care facilities.
- Investigating the available resources for improving child care.

- Educating the general public on child health
- Motivating people involved in child care services.
- Advocating for the needs of the child and the family.
- According to the modern concepts of child care, day care involves the monitoring of children aged six weeks to thirteen years.
- Focusing on the ethical, moral and legal problems regarding child care.
- Integration of scientific principles and theory related to child health into nursing practice.
- Family health a new concept is accepted for the care of children in their families and families in society. Need based, problem oriented, risk approach care is practiced for better child health.
- Discouraging the families on neglect of female child by taking special care of female child as she future mother.
- Providing quality routine care in terms of play, recreation, nutrition etc.