

Title: Development Of Context-Appropriate Clinical Guideline For Paediatric Acute Traumatic Pain Management In Ghana

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ABSTRACT

A practice guideline serves as a cornerstone for effective pain management. Clinical settings with standardized care policies have adequate pain management procedures and improved health outcomes. Empirical evidence shows that the individual's culture influences the ability to perceive, express and accept pain management, which underpins context-specific practice guidelines in healthcare. Currently, most existing pain guidelines are suitable for first-world countries where they were developed. The only pain management guideline developed in Ghana was designed for adult post-operative patients. This study, being the first of its kind, seeks to explore and identify a context-appropriate acute traumatic pain management guideline for the pediatric population in Ghana. The study will adopt a multi-phased design. The first phase will be a qualitative design using focused ethnography guided by Bourdieu's theory of practice. The second phase of the study will be guideline development. The guideline development will be carried out in stages as described in the National Institute for Clinical Excellence's (NICE) process for guideline development. The principal investigator of this study will first submit a monograph thesis to the University of Ghana for the award of a Ph.D. in Nursing. Furthermore, a policy brief of the developed guideline will be forwarded to the Ministry of Health and policy implementing agency, Ghana Health Service, for piloting, validation, and adoption for clinical practice in Ghana.