

**THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ROLE OF SURGICAL NURSES
AND THE ANXIETY LEVEL OF PREOPERATIVE PHASE PATIENTS IN
THE INPATIENT ROOM OF ALI RSI AISYIYAH MALANG**

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ABSTRACT

The role of nurses in preoperative patients is still not effectively implemented. This is evidenced by the lack of information provided, which makes patients feel psychologically unsupported, thus increasing anxiety. If left unchecked, this can disrupt the surgical procedure. To address these issues, surgical nurses need to enhance their roles in the pre-operative phase, including roles as care providers, managers and leaders, educators, and coordinators. This research aims to identify the relationship between the role of surgical nurses and the anxiety levels of preoperative patients at RSI Aisyiyah Malang. The research type is correlational with a cross-sectional design. The study population consists of 170 preoperative patients in the inpatient ward Ali RSI Aisyiyah Malang. The sample used consists of 63 people selected through accidental sampling technique. Data analysis was performed using the Spearman Rank Correlational Test. The analysis results show a significant relationship with a $p\text{-value}=0.000 < \alpha(0.005)$. The r value of -0.598 indicates a moderate relationship. The negative r value of -0.598 means that a better role of the nurse is associated with lower anxiety levels in preoperative patients. The role of the preoperative surgical nurse is essential in reducing patient anxiety before surgery, as preoperative anxiety can increase blood pressure and other vital signs, leading to delays in the surgery. Nurses are expected to enhance their competencies and roles to reduce the anxiety levels of preoperative patients.

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