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**A study to assess the nursing care of mechanically ventilated patients  
In critical care units as expressed by them in selected  
Military Hospitals of Pune**

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**OBJECTIVES**

The mechanically ventilated patient requires the highest standards of nursing care as they are not able to breathe naturally nor communicate their needs effectively. The study was conducted to assess the nursing care rendered and their satisfaction level.

**METHOD**

A survey was conducted on post mechanically ventilated patients who were conscious in MH (CTC). A structured rating scale was filled up as per the data given by these patients on the nursing care received by them during the period of mechanical ventilation.

**RESULTS**

Amongst 100 patients, 90.80% were satisfied with the nursing care rendered to them during their period of ventilation and 9.20% of the patients were dissatisfied with nursing care rendered to them while they were on ventilation. The areas of dissatisfaction were pain management and suctioning.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Pain management remains as a challenging nursing care area for nursing. Patient's accessibility to alternative methods of communication will be an important factor to communicate effectively their needs and problem areas during the ventilator period.