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**TO STUDY THE APPLICATION OF THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE INTO  
CLINICAL PRACTICE BY NURSING OFFICERS WHILE PROVIDING NURSING  
CARE TO THE PATIENTS IN SELECTED MEDICAL-SURGICAL WARDS OF  
COMMAND HOSPITAL (SOUTHERN COMMAND) , PUNE**

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### **OBJECTIVES**

To assess the knowledge of Nursing officers pertaining to medical-surgical nursing care and to observe application of knowledge into practice in the selected wards pertaining to medical-surgical care.

### **METHODOLOGY**

A hospital based descriptive study design was used. Simple random sampling was done. 100 subjects were studied. Instrument was prepared in the form of a questionnaire which was tested by a pilot study and then administered to the subjects.

### **RESULTS**

Mean knowledge score for all categories was 29.5% with 95% CI of 28.86 – 30.14. The mean knowledge score was found to be highest among nursing officers of the rank of Lt Col. Mean practice score for all categories was 41.83% with 95% CI of 41.45 – 42.21.

### **CONCLUSION**

It was observed that over all practices observed by nursing officers of Armed Forces during patient care are significantly higher as compared to their theoretical knowledge on various aspects. This research, however, suggests that MNS officers may require more on-the-job experience and training programmes on knowledge and skills for development of clinical nursing expertise as per the need of Armed Forces.