Family and community nursing in Italy. Organizational proposals for a new welfare

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A web survey through the National Federation of Ipasvi Colleges website was carried out while relevant stakeholders (140), with different backgrounds (GPs, nurses, nurse managers, informal caregivers), using semi-structured questions, were interviewed.
In Italy the Family and Community Nurse is only experimental in some Regions (e.g. Piemonte, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Emilia Romagna and Valle D’Aosta).

At present, formal recognition is lacking. Our research has shown the functions and competencies required.
A dedicated paediatric service is available in Italy...
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- Act upon the individual, within the family setting
- The care-giving becomes collective in two situations:
  1) If what concerns the individual requires actions involving family members
  2) If some or all the family request or need the Family Nurse’s intervention

Profile for the family

- Ability to make patients’ right understood
- Ability to identify relevant services and assess their performance
- Ability to understand health goal
- Ability to understand and interpret a need
- Ability to forge a special relationship of proximity, aimed at fostering the person’s and the family’s domestic safety
- Ability to earn the family trust and become a reference for them

Profile for the community

- Orientation
  - Ability to activate services
  - Ability to mediate and connect
  - Ability to organize, plan and create routes

- It is related to advanced expertise and follows a clinical training path
- To be credible

Raising awareness when environmental problems are detected
Campaigns providing information and education on healthy lifestyle
Socialization interventions on issues of health, wellbeing and prevention
Facilitating solidarity networks for mutual aid by regard to fragility, health and wellbeing
Identifying and implementing measures that individuals benefit from within a community perspective
Identifying training needs concerning health issues
Collaboration in epidemiological studies and involvement in research

Family and community nursing

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Social innovations is the result of the ability to connect systems because it links people, ideas and services together. It contributes to social and personal improvement.

Systemic connection
Participation in fostering inclusion and social capital
Early prompt detection of the risk of non-self-sufficiency and fragility
Collaboration in epidemiological study and involvement in research

Expected outcomes
Prevention of institutionalization
Chronic care

A two-way nursing relationship model

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Family and Community Nursing promotes the nurses' professional image, because it provides greater visibility and proximity to the citizens.
Thank you!
Any questions?
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