

Petra Mandysova, PhD - Researcher Profile

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Petra Mandysova was formally trained in Nursing, completing her BSc at McGill University, Montreal, Canada (1993), MSN at the University of Phoenix, USA (2007) and PhD at the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic (2014). She became interested in neurosciences during her work at the Montreal Neurological Hospital / McGill University Health Centre (1991–2000) and became certified in neurosciences by the Canadian Nurses' Association. In 2000, she joined an international team of health professionals and supported the effort of a newly opened hospital, the Shaikh Khalifa Medical Centre (SKMC) in Abu Dhabi, UAE, to obtain Canadian accreditation. During her five-year stint at SKMC, she was responsible for developing and implementing nursing and multidisciplinary standards and protocols. She became involved in dysphagia care and was responsible for implementing a nursing dysphagia screening tool.

In 2006, she moved to the Faculty of Health Studies, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic (CR). At that time, nursing involvement in dysphagia diagnosis was rarely discussed in the Czech professional circles. Her PhD research focused on the development and implementation of a simple nursing dysphagia screening instrument. The preliminary version of the tool was published in Nursing and Health Sciences in 2011 (see Web of Science). The tool has been implemented in a number of hospitals in the CR. She has been invited speaker at nursing conferences and has become a lecturer in an accredited dysphagia course for speech therapists at the Faculty Hospital in Hradec Kralove.

She is involved in a research project on dysphagia funded by the Czech Ministry of Health. The project has three partners; one partner is the Faculty of Health Studies, University of Pardubice. Her current efforts focus not only on promoting the nurse's role in dysphagia diagnosis in the Czech Republic but also on strengthening and furthering her international collaboration, mainly in the area of diagnostic research.

Further information:

Publications: Web of Science, SCOPUS

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