# Use of the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association taxonomies, Nursing Intervention Classification, Nursing Outcomes Classification and NANDA-NIC-NOC linkage in cardiac rehabilitation 

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#### Abstract

This study aims at creating a standardized language for each patient admitted to Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit (CR) by identifying nursing diagnosis, interventions, results/objectives expected and related correlations. The primary outcome was identifying health needs of all patients admitted to CR. The secondary outcomes were the identification of North American Nursing Diagnosis Association -International diagnoses (NANDA-I), of nursing intervention classification (NIC), of nursing outcomes classification (NOC) and their correlation NANDA-NIC-NOC linkage (NNN linkage) in order to define a standardized language for all nursing staff. This is a retrospective study involving a sample of 168 patients discharged from CR. The NANDA-I, the NIC, the NOC and the most frequently used NNN connections were identified and collected by using structured form including the 11 functional models of Marjory Gordon. Data from 76 patients were analyzed ( $92.1 \%$ male; mean age ( $\pm$ SD) $62.7 \pm 9 \mathrm{yrs}$; IQ range: $42-82$ ). The main NANDA-I nursing diagno-


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sis belongs to psychological sphere, but not to physiological domains. The statement NIC has allowed to put into practice actions of health prevention and education.

Nursing care documentation and NNN taxonomic language promotes a wide diffusion of nursing discipline culture and significant qualitative improvement of patient's care, further improving the communication between nurses and other health professionals.

## Introduction

Cardiac rehabilitation (CR) program exerts several beneficial effects reducing mortality [1,2], preventing cardiac remodeling [3,4], and improving cardiovascular functional capacity and myocardial perfusion [5-8]. The improvement of endothelial function [8], the anti-inflammatory properties [9,10], the improvement of neurohormonal and autonomic balance [11-18] might be at the basis of the mechanisms by which exercise training exerts its beneficial effects.

Standardized care terminology plays a key role in nursing care [19]. The knowledge of the basic concepts in nursing practice, of the nursing staff roles, of the care theories and legal problems, could improve nursing interventions and outcomes in different settings [20]. These standardized terminologies are necessary for the execution of nursing care plans, especially in case of use of nursing record [21]. Previous evidences suggest that the nursing record must include nursing diagnoses, interventions and outcomes to totally reflect the entire nursing process [22].

The aims of this study are to identify the health needs of patients, the identification of NANDA-International diagnoses (NANDA-I) [23]; of nursing intervention classification (NIC) [24]; of nursing outcomes classification (NOC) [25] and their correlation (NNN linkage), in order to define standardized language for all nursing staff [26]. In addition, the 11 functional models of Marjory Gordon have been used as functional model of global of global assessment of care assistance [27].

## Patients and Methods

Data from patients admitted to the CR unit at the "Federico II" University of Naples were analyzed retrospectively. In this study were analyzed a total of 168 patients admitted from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. The inclusion criteria defined were: 1. Medical diagnosis of previous acute myocardial infarction
(AMI) (ICD-9 412) or the presence of coronary angioplasty (ICD9 V4582) or post-surgical status of aortocoronary by-pass (ICD-9 V4581); 2. No age limit; 3. No distinction of sex (Table 1). Exclusion criteria were defined as: 1. Patients with events following the previous IMA; 2. Not adherence to the trial; 3. Non-adhesion to cardiological rehabilitation (ICD-9 V612); 4. Patients who have performed less than 10 accesses to day-hospital and patients who have performed more than 50 accesses (Table 1). Subjects who met these criteria were included in the study constituting a sample of 76 [ $92.1 \%$ male; mean age ( $\pm$ SD) $65 \pm 12$ yrs] patients out of a total of 168 patients in the entire population. Inclusion/exclusion criteria were ascertained by CR nurse team.

In overall population, the most detected ICD-9 codes are: (ICD9 codes 2703/2720/2722/2750) Metabolism disorders detected 45 times; (25000/25002/25050) Diabetes mellitus 14 times; (27800/27801/27802) Overweight and obesity 7 times; (412) Previous myocardial infarction 76 times; (4110/4111/4149) Acute coronary syndrome 57 times; (4011/4019) Hypertension 35 times; (4280/4289) Congestive heart failure 13 times; (40210) Benign hypertensive heart disease 24 times; (41401) Coronary atherosclerosis of native coronary artery 24 times; (43310) Occlusion and steno-
sis of the carotid without mention of heart attack 23 times; (44020/44021/44381) Atherosclerosis of native arteries of the limbs and other peripheral angiopathies 11 times; (V4581/V4582) Postsurgical status of aorto-coronary bypass and angioplasty 56 times; (5560/5718/53051/53370/53510/56200/57420) Digestive system disorders 8 times and (60000/60090) Prostate disorders 13 times.

All clinical charts were evaluated with the use of a nursing record built for the specific study, structured with the Marjory Gordon' 11 functional models [27], and containing the NANDA-I taxonomy for the formulation of nursing diagnoses [23], the NOC taxonomy for the identification of outcomes and measurable result indicators [25], and the NIC taxonomy for the identification of nursing interventions and the respective activities [24].

## Statistics

Descriptive statistics are given in terms of mean value $\pm$ standard deviation (SD). Comparison between variables were made using Student t-test. All data were collected in a specific database

Table 1. Gordon's functional models of health.

| N. | Models | Data detected |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Health perception and Management | - $5 \%$ of patient smoked before the event. <br> - $60 \%$ of patients report drinking mild wine or alcohol (a glass at lunch in an interval of time from every day to once a week). <br> - $18 \%$ of the patients did not carry out medical checks before the event. <br> - The remaining $82 \%$ of patients practiced periodic checks and all adhered to prescribed medical treatment and all independently. <br> - $4 \%$ of patients report being affected by allergies (drugs, dust, food, etc.). |
| 2 | Nutritional metabolic | - $4 \%$ of patients were obese and $18 \%$ overweight. <br> - $18 \%$ are affected by diabetes mellitus. <br> - $59 \%$ of patients are affected by metabolic disorders. <br> - In addition, 14 patients report gastro-intestinal disorders. |
| 3 | Elimination | - $11.8 \%$ of patients report prostate problems with related urinary urination problems. <br> - $2.6 \%$ of patients report kidney stones. |
| 4 | Activity exercise | - During exercise, $30 \%$ of the assisted patients report shortness of breath (walk, climb stairs, ride a bicycle) and $10 \%$ report breathlessness even at rest. <br> - $25 \%$ report feeling tired and $15 \%$ feeling tired. <br> - $\mathrm{SpO}_{2}$ is altered in 8 patients for airway diseases and in patients with COPD. |
| 5 | Sleep rest | - A small proportion of patients, extrapolated from the total sample, claim to have awaken during sleep. |
| 6 | Cognitive-perceptual | - Two patients report hypoacusia. <br> - Two patients report retinopathy/glaucoma. <br> - Three patients have dementia with impaired intellectual functions. <br> - $40 \%$ have difficulty making decisions. |
| 7 | Self perception/self concept | - Most patients have a correct perception of their physical as well as cognitive and emotional abilities. <br> - $4 \%$ have a negative attitude towards their value, gender identity and their body image. <br> - $78 \%$ report a sense of anxiety and restlessness (fear of a new event). <br> - Signs of anxiety and fear are noticed in non-verbal signals in all patients. In particular, in some, from the eye contact, one notices discouragement and surrender. |
| 8 | Role relationship | - Most patients live in the family. <br> - $40 \%$ are workers, $40 \%$ are retired, $20 \%$ has not declared status. <br> - $20 \%$ of the assisted persons also refer to a family member (caregiver) in the communication between the health-patient. <br> - $100 \%$ have positive interaction with health personnel. |
| 9 | Sexuality reproductive | - $13 \%$ of those assisted express concern about their sexuality after the event. |
| 10 | Coping-stress tolerance | - $90 \%$ showed functional adaptability to situations and habitual behavior in dealing with any problem. <br> - $40 \%$ showed ability to use problem solving. <br> - Most patients needed psychological support for anxiety/depression management. |
| 11 | Value-belief pattern | - Nobody has declared information about life and spiritual values and convictions. |

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and all analyses were conducted by using SPSS, version 25.0 for Windows (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA).

## Results

Data from clinical records of 76 patients were analyzed [92.1\% males; mean age ( $\pm \mathrm{SD}$ ) $65 \pm 12$ years]. Table 1 shows Gordon's functional models of health detected. The frequencies of NANDAI, NIC, NOC and NNN-linkage were also reported:

## North American Nursing Diagnosis Association International (NANDA-I)

NANDA-I nursing diagnoses detected in the 76 patients enrolled ( $n=460$ ) are described and subdivided into domains and classes (Table 2). The most relevant nursing diagnoses belong to the domains:

- Domain 2: Nutrition (18.3\%);
- Domain 4: Activities and rest (21.5\%);
- Domain 9: Coping tolerance to stress (25.4\%);
- Domain 11: Security/Protection (16.1\%).

In detail, the most frequently NANDA-I nursing diagnoses identified were "anxiety" (00146), that was detected in $78.9 \%$ of subjects, followed by "availability to improve feeding" (00163) reported in $73.7 \%$ of cases $68 \%$ ), and "impaired physical mobility" (00085), that was detected in $38.2 \%$ of patients.

## Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC)

The most frequently outcomes (NOCs) selected ( $\mathrm{n}=1381$ ) are reported in Table 3 and they belong to the following domains:

- Domain 2: Physiological health (35\%);
- Domain 3: Psychosocial health (27.9\%);
- Domain 4: Knowledge related to health and behavior (17.4\%).

The main reported NOC is the "coping" (1302), detected 84 times, the second was the "self-control of fear" (1404), that was collected 77 times. Instead, the "nutritional status" (1004) and the "weight control" (1612) were detected 68 times.

## Nursing intervention classification (NIC)

The detected interventions (NICs) ( $\mathrm{n}=1708$ ) are provided in Table 4. They are subdivided in the following domains:

- Domain 1: Basic Physiological (31.8\%);
- Domain 2: Complex physiological (15.8\%)

Table 2. NANDA-I diagnoses.

| Domain (\%) | Class | Nursing diagnosis | N | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health promotion(2.60\%) | Health management | Frail elderly syndrome (00257) Ineffective health maintenance (00099) Risk-prone health behavior (00188) | 5 3 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.1 \\ & 0.7 \\ & 0.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| Nutrition(18.26\%) | Ingestion <br> Metabolism | Readiness for enhanced nutrition (00163) <br> Obesity (00232) <br> Overweight (00233) <br> Risk for overweight (00234) <br> Risk for unstable blood glucose level (00179) | 56 6 1 5 16 | $\begin{gathered} 12.2 \\ 1.3 \\ 0.2 \\ 1.1 \\ 3.5 \end{gathered}$ |
| Elimination and exchange (0.86\%) | Respiratory function | Impaired gas exchange (00030) | 4 | 0.9 |
| Activity/rest(21.52\%) | Sleep/Rest <br> Activity/Exercise <br> Energy balance Cardiovascular/Pulmonary responses | Disturbed sleep pattern (00198) <br> Impaired physical mobility (00085) <br> Fatigue (00093) <br> Decresed cardiac output (00029) <br> Risk for decresed cardiac output (00240) <br> Activity intolerance (00092) <br> Ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion (00204) <br> Risk for Ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion (00228) | 1 29 5 16 18 7 5 18 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2 \\ & 6.3 \\ & 1.1 \\ & 3.5 \\ & 3.9 \\ & 1.5 \\ & 1.1 \\ & 3.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| Self -perception (7.82 \%) | Self-concept Self-esteem Body image | Readiness for enhanced hope (00185) Risk for situational low self-esteem (00153) Disturbed body image (00118) | 13 13 10 | $\begin{aligned} & 2.8 \\ & 2.8 \\ & 2.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Role relationship (0.83\%) | Caregiving role Role performance | Caregiver role strain (00061) Impaired social interaction (00052) | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.7 \\ & 0.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Coping/Stress Tolerance (25.43\%) | Coping response | Fear (00148) <br> Anxiety (00146) <br> Defensive coping (00071) <br> Compromised family coping (00074) <br> Chronic sorrow (00137) | 17 60 23 16 1 | $\begin{gathered} 3.7 \\ 13.0 \\ 5.0 \\ 3.5 \\ 0.2 \end{gathered}$ |
| Life principles (1.74\%) | Value/belief/action congruence | Decisional conflict (00083) | 8 | 1.7 |
| Safety/protection (16.08\%) | Infection Physical injury | Risk for infection (00004) <br> Risk for injury (00035) <br> Risk for corneal injury (00245) <br> Impaired tissue integrity (00044) <br> Risk for urinary tract injury (00250) <br> Risk for peripheral neurovascular dysfunction (00086) | 14 23 2 14 17 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 3.0 \\ & 5.0 \\ & 0.4 \\ & 3.0 \\ & 3.7 \\ & 0.9 \end{aligned}$ |
| Comfort (4.78\%) | Physical comfort | Impaired comfort (00214) | 22 | 4.8 |
| Total |  |  | 460 | 100 |

Table 3. NOC label.

| Domain (\%) | Classes | Outcomes | N | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Functional health (13.7\%) | Energy maintenance | Endurance (0001) | 51 | 3.7 |
|  |  | Energy conservation (0002) | 5 | 0.4 |
|  |  | Rest (0003) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Sleep (0004) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Activity tolerance (0005) | 44 | 3.2 |
|  | Mobility | Ambulation (0200) | 29 | 2.1 |
|  |  | Joint movement (0206) | 29 | 2.1 |
|  |  | Mobility (0208) | 29 | 2.1 |
|  |  | Skeletal function (0211) | 1 | 0.1 |
| Physiological health (35\%) | Cardiopulmonary | Cardiac pump effectiveness (0400) | 34 | 2.5 |
|  |  | Circulation status (0401) | 39 | 2.8 |
|  |  | Respiratory status: Gas Exchange (0402) | 4 | 0.3 |
|  |  | Respiratory status: Ventilation (0403) | 4 | 0.3 |
|  |  | Tissue perfusion: cardiac (0405) | 39 | 2.8 |
|  |  | Tissue perfusion: peripheral (0407) | 41 | 3.0 |
|  | Fluid and electrolytes | Electrolyte and acid/base balance (0600) | 13 | 0.9 |
|  |  | Fluid balance (0601) | 30 | 2.2 |
|  |  | Hydration (0602) | 30 | 2.2 |
|  |  | Fluid overload severity (0603) | 39 | 2.8 |
|  | Immune response | Immune status (0702) | 14 | 1 |
|  | Neurocognitive | Decision-making (0906) | 21 | 1.5 |
|  |  | Information processing (0907) | 8 | 0.6 |
|  | Digestion and nutrition | Nutritional status (1004) | 68 | 4.9 |
|  | Therapeutic response | Blood glucose level (2300) | 16 | 1.2 |
|  | Tissue integrity | Tissue integrity: skin and mucous membranes (1101) | 41 | 3.0 |
|  | Sensory function | Sensory Function: cutaneous (2400) | 40 | 2.9 |
|  |  | Sensory Function: vision (2404) | 2 | 0.1 |
| Psychosocial health (27.9\%) | Psychological well-being | Body image (1200) | 10 | 0.7 |
|  |  | Mood equilibrium (1204) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Self-esteem (1205) | 46 | 3.3 |
|  |  | Depression level (1208) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Fear level (1210) | 17 | 1.2 |
|  |  | Anxiety level (1211) | 60 | 4.3 |
|  | Psychosocial adaption | Acceptance: health status (1300) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Coping (1302) | 84 | 6.1 |
|  |  | Grief resolution (1304) | 23 | 1.7 |
|  |  | Psychosocial adjustment: life change (1305) | 23 | 1.7 |
|  | Self-control | Anxiety self-control (1402) | 17 | 1.2 |
|  |  | Fear self-control (1404) | 77 | 5.6 |
|  | Social interaction | Social interaction skills (1502) | 24 | 1.7 |
|  |  | Social involvement (1503) | 1 | 0.1 |
| Knowledge about health and behavior (17.4\%) | Health related behaviors | Adherence behavior (1600) | 20 | 1.4 |
|  |  | Health promoting behavior (1602) | 5 | 0.4 |
|  |  | Health seeking behavior (1603) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Participation in health care decision (1606) | 11 | 0.8 |
|  |  | Symptom control (1608) | 26 | 1.9 |
|  |  | Treatment behavior: illness or injury (1609) | 4 | 0.3 |
|  |  | Vision compensation behavior (1611) | 2 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Weight control (1612) | 68 | 4.9 |
|  |  | Diabetes self-management (1619) | 16 | 1.2 |
|  | Beliefs related health Knowledge related health Risk and security control | Health beliefs (1700) | 4 | 0.3 |
|  |  | Knowledge: health resources (1806) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Risk control (1902) | 23 | 1.7 |
|  |  | Risk detection (1908) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Fall prevention behavior (1909) | 29 | 2.1 |
|  |  | Safe home environment (1910) | 23 | 1.7 |
| Family health (6\%) | Family caregiver | Caregiver lifestyle disruption (2203) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Caregiver role support (2210) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  | Health status of a family member | Caregiver emotional health (2506) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Caregiver well-being (2508) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  | Family well-being | Family coping (2600) | 19 | 1.4 |
|  |  | Family functioning (2602) | 17 | 1.2 |
|  |  | Family integrity (2603) | 19 | 1.4 |
|  |  | Family normalization (2604) | 16 | 1.2 |
| Total |  |  | 1381 | 100 |

- Domain 3: Behavior (40.3\%);
- Domain 4: Security (12.1\%).

In particular, the main NIC was "Exercise promotion" (0200) that appeared 104 times, the second was "anxiety reduction" (5820), detected 85 times and the third is "nutrition management" (1100) reported 84 times.

## NNN linkage

According with the results previously reported, in Table 5 is shown the number of "NNN linkages" for the main NANDA-I diagnoses. It should be highlighted that even if the sample analyzed was composed of 76 subjects, some interventions exceed the sample number; this happens because NICs are interventions that apply to the individual NOC and not to the single subject. For example, the NIC "Promotion of physical activity" appeared 104 times, every time that an objective has as intervention the promotion of physical activity; similar results were observed for all other NIC selected and analyzed.

## Discussion

The use of standardized terminology, applied to nursing charts, retrieves and facilitates the Evidence Based Nursing [28]. The analysis of the data collected from Gordon's functional models allowed the evaluation and the enunciation of nursing diagnoses; the evaluation and analysis of the objectives that must be achieved and the evaluation and execution of interventions useful for achieving the pre-established objectives.

The first data that emerges clearly and strongly is the state of concern that patient's experience. This status, plus the apprehen-
sion of cohabiting family members, creates a situation of tension, which must be managed at best. Thus, it is important to inform both the patient and the caregiver about the state of health and the rehabilitation process of the patient, to reassure everyone and to start an adequate health education. In this way, the caregivers will give they will give the right support to the person by becoming the managers of the care of their loved ones. Then, it could be justified the reason why the most relevant NANDA-I diagnoses belong to the psychological sphere and not to the physiological domains.

Anxiety (00146), defensive coping (00071), impaired wellbeing (00214) are the most frequent diagnoses in the analyzed cohort, and to these have been linked the more appropriate NOCs and NICs have been linked.

In cardiology setting, Park et al. [29] analyzed 272 patients diagnosed with acute heart failure to determine nursing diagnoses, the results to be followed and the interventions to be implemented. Authors reported the following nursing diagnoses: knowledge deficit (00126), reduced cardiac output (0029), risk of injury (00035) and inefficient airway release (00031). These four nursing diagnoses represented the $50 \%$ of the total of nursing diagnoses described in the study. In addition, the same study expressed as predominant domains security/protection domain (27.8\%), activity/rest (22.8\%), perception/cognition (15.7\%) and elimination and exchange (12.6\%); the most used classes were cardiovascular/pulmonary responses ( $21.9 \%$ ), physical injuries ( $17.1 \%$ ) and cognition (15\%); while domains like coping/stress tolerance and health promotion have been poorly mentioned [29].

Moreover, Chiappinotto et al. [30] analyzed data on a cohort of 20 patients with a diagnosis of post-acute heart failure founding further nursing diagnoses: anxiety (00146), compromised wellbeing (00214) and intolerance to activity (00092). In a retrospec-

Table 4. NIC label.

| Domain (\%) | Classes | Intervention | N | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Physiological: basic (32\%) | Activity and exercise management | Body mechanics promotion (0140) | 39 | 2.2 |
|  |  | Energy management (0180) | 56 | 3.1 |
|  |  | Exercise promotion (0200) | 104 | 5.7 |
|  |  | Exercise promotion: strength training (0201) | 41 | 2.3 |
|  |  | Exercise therapy: ambulation (0221) | 29 | 1.6 |
|  |  | Exercise therapy: joint mobility (0224) | 29 | 1.6 |
|  | Elimination management | Urinary elimination management (0590) | 17 | 0.9 |
|  | Immobility management | Positioning (0840) | 70 | 3.9 |
|  | Nutrition support | Eating disorders management (1030) | 16 | 0.9 |
|  |  | Nutrition management (1100) | 84 | 4.6 |
|  |  | Nutritional management (1160) | 56 | 3.1 |
|  |  | Weight management (1260) | 12 | 0.7 |
|  |  | Weight reduction assistance (1280) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  | Self-care facilitation | Eye care (1650) | 2 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Sleep enhancement (1850) | 13 | 0.7 |
| Physiological: complex (15\%) | Electrolyte and acid-base management | Fluid/electrolyte management (2080) | 17 | 0.9 |
|  |  | Hyperglycemia management (2120) | 16 | 0.9 |
|  | Drug management | Medication administration: oral (2304) | 16 | 0.9 |
|  |  | Medication administration: subcutaneous (2317) | 16 | 0.9 |
|  |  | Medication management (2380) | 29 | 1.6 |
|  | Neurologic managementRespiratory management | Peripheral sensation management (2660) | 41 | 2.3 |
|  |  | Airway management (3140) | 4 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Airway insertion and stabilization (3210) | 4 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Respiratory monitoring (3350) | 4 | 0.2 |
|  | Skin/wound management | Wound care (3660) | 14 | 0.8 |
|  | Tissue perfusion management | Cardiac care: rehabilitative (4046) | 39 | 2.2 |
|  |  | Cardiac care: arterial insufficiency (4062) | 41 | 2.3 |
|  |  | Cardiac care: venous insufficiency (4066) | 41 | 2.3 |

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tive study conducted in a small hospital in the northeast of Italy [31], the NANDA, NIC and NOC standard terminology have been applied to the nursing record in patients with chronic heart disease. Interestingly, Authors reported that nurses in Cardiac Rehabilitation care are aware of patient problems and are able to design a personalized care project. The main limitation is attention to physiological treatments; however, paying more attention to psychological problems and improvements in self-care may confer great improvement in nursing care. Furthermore, family and community care should be involved in patient's care more actively. In addition, NANDA-I, NOC and NIC taxonomies offer good coverage of cardiac rehabilitation nursing care, deemed of great utility as outlined by all cardiac nurses participating in rehabilitation care.

In the present study, all patients were affected from chronic or post-acute heart failure, and in these subjects the most common nursing diagnoses was fear (indicated 17 times), anxiety (60), defensive coping (23) and compromising coping of the family (16)
of the coping domain tolerance to stress (25.4\%). These results suggest that patients after an acute and sudden cardiovascular event had more anxiety and fear regarding the possible occurrence of a new future event. Therefore, cardiac patient tends to be more attentive to the symptoms that may occur and try to seek treatment strategies aimed to safeguarding the actual state of health.

The prescription of the CR can be explained through the NANDA-I diagnoses of reduced cardiac output (00029), reduced cardiac output risk (00240), intolerance to activity (00092), ineffective perfusion of peripheral tissues (00204) and risk of ineffective perfusion of peripheral tissues (00228), to which the NOC results and appropriate NIC interventions (listed in Table 5) have been linked. The more detected NICs are exercise promotion (0200) and reduction of the anxiety (5820). In addition, NICs of counseling (5240), active listening (4920), nutrition management (1100) and nutritional management (1160) have been enunciated, translating into practice the works for prevention and health education.

Table 4. Continued from previous page.

| Domain (\%) | Classes | Intervention | N | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Behavioral (40.3\%) | Behavior therapy | Assertiveness training (4340) | 24 | 1.3 |
|  |  | Behavior management (4350) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Behavior modification (4360) | 36 | 2.0 |
|  |  | Impulse control training (4370) | 60 | 3.4 |
|  |  | Mutual goal setting (4410) | 32 | 1.8 |
|  |  | Self-responsibility facilitation (4480) | 8 | 0.4 |
|  | Cognitive therapy | Cognitive restructuring (4700) | 13 | 0.7 |
|  | Communication enhancement | Active listening (4920) | 47 | 2.6 |
|  |  | Socialization enhancement (5100) | 10 | 0.6 |
|  | Coping assistance | Body image enhancement (5220) | 10 | 0.6 |
|  |  | Coping enhancement (5230) | 73 | 4.1 |
|  |  | Counseling (5240) | 67 | 3.7 |
|  |  | Decision-making support (5250) | 8 | 0.4 |
|  |  | Emotional support (5270) | 23 | 1.3 |
|  |  | Grief work facilitation (5290) | 10 | 0.6 |
|  |  | Presence (5340) | 40 | 2.2 |
|  |  | Improvement of security (5380) | 39 | 2.2 |
|  |  | Self-esteem enhancement (5400) | 10 | 0.6 |
|  |  | Support group (5430) | 23 | 1.3 |
|  |  | Support system enhancement (5440) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Values clarification (5480) | 8 | 0.4 |
|  | Patient education | Health education (5510) | 21 | 1.2 |
|  |  | Learning facilitation (5520) | 8 | 0.4 |
|  |  | Teaching: disease process (5602) | 4 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Teaching: individual (5606) | 1 | 0.1 |
|  |  | Teaching: prescribed activity/exercise (5612) | 29 | 1.6 |
|  | Psychological comfort promotion | Anxiety reduction (5820) | 85 | 4.8 |
|  |  | Relaxation therapy (6040) | 18 | 1.0 |
| Safety (7.2\%) | Risk management | Area restriction (6420) | 23 | 1.3 |
|  |  | Environmental management (6480) | 13 | 0.7 |
|  |  | Fall prevention (6490) | 29 | 1.6 |
|  |  | Health screening (6520) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Infection control (6540) | 14 | 0.8 |
|  |  | Risk identification (6610) | 23 | 1.3 |
|  |  | Surveillance: safety (6654) | 23 | 1.3 |
| Family (3\%) | Lifespan care | Caregiver support (7040) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Family integrity Promotion (7100) | 14 | 0.8 |
|  |  | Family mobilization (7120) | 3 | 0.2 |
|  |  | Family support (7140) | 14 | 0.8 |
|  |  | Family therapy (7150) | 16 | 0.9 |
|  |  | Respite care (7260) | 3 | 0.2 |
| Health system (2.5\%) | Health system mediation | Health system guidance (7400) | 8 | 0.4 |
|  |  | Patient rights protection (7460) | 8 | 0.4 |
|  | Information management | Referral (8100) | 27 | 1.5 |
| Total |  |  | 1788 | 100 |

Table 5. NNN linkage.

| NAND |  | n | NOC |  | n |  | NIC | $\square$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00257 | Frail elderly syndrome | 5 | 0005 <br> 0001 <br> 0401 <br> 0405 <br> 0603 | Activity tolerance <br> Endurance <br> Circulation status <br> Tissue perfusion: cardiac Fluid overload severity | 5 5 5 | 0201 <br> 0200 <br> 0180 <br> 1850 <br> 4410 <br> 0140 <br> 4046 <br> 5380 <br> 6480 <br> 5100 | Exercise promotion: strength training Exercise promotion Energy management Sleep enhancement Mutual goal setting Body mechanics promotion Cardiac care: rehabilitative Improvement of security Environmental management Socialization enhancement | 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 |
| 00099 | Ineffective health maintenance | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 1602 \\ & 1603 \\ & 1806 \\ & 1606 \\ & 1908 \end{aligned}$ | Health promoting behavior Health seeking behavior Knowledge: health resources Participation in health care decision Risk detection | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5510 \\ & 4480 \\ & 6520 \\ & 1280 \end{aligned}$ | Health education <br> Self-responsibility facilitation <br> Health screening <br> Weight reduction assistance | 3 |
| 00188 | Risk-prone health behavior | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 1600 \\ & 1700 \\ & 1609 \\ & 1608 \end{aligned}$ | Adherence behavior <br> Health beliefs <br> Treatment behavior: illness or injury <br> Symptom control | 4 4 4 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 5510 \\ & 4410 \\ & 4480 \\ & 5602 \end{aligned}$ | Health education <br> Mutual goal setting <br> Self-responsibility facilitation <br> Teaching: disease process | 4 4 4 4 |
| 00163 | Readiness for enhanced nutrition | 56 | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & 1612 \end{aligned}$ | Nutritional status Weight control | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 56 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & 1160 \end{aligned}$ | Nutrition management Nutritional management | 56 56 |
| 00232 | Obesity | 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & 1612 \end{aligned}$ | Nutritional status Weight control | 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & 1260 \\ & 5606 \\ & 4360 \\ & 0200 \end{aligned}$ | Nutrition management Weight management Teaching: individual Behavior modification Exercise promotion | 6 6 6 6 6 |
| 00233 | Overweight | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & 1612 \end{aligned}$ | Nutritional status Weight control | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & 1260 \\ & 5606 \\ & 4360 \\ & 0200 \end{aligned}$ | Nutrition management Weight management Teaching: individual Behavior modification Exercise promotion | 1 1 1 1 |
| 00234 | Risk for Overweight | 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & 1602 \end{aligned}$ | Nutritional status Health promoting behavior | 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 1100 \\ & 1260 \\ & 5606 \\ & 4360 \\ & 0200 \end{aligned}$ | Nutrition management Weight management Teaching: individual Behavior modification Exercise promotion | 5 5 5 5 5 |
| 00179 | Risk for unstable bloof glucose level | 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 2300 \\ & 1600 \\ & 1619 \end{aligned}$ | Blood glucose level Adherence behavior Diabetes self-management | 16 16 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 1030 \\ & 1100 \\ & 2120 \\ & 2304 \\ & 2317 \\ & 2380 \end{aligned}$ | Eating disorders management <br> Nutrition management <br> Hyperglycemia management <br> Medication administration: oral <br> Medication administration: subcutaneous <br> Medication management | 16 16 16 16 16 16 |
| 00030 | Impaired gas exchange | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 0402 \\ & 0403 \end{aligned}$ | Respiratory status: gas exchange Respiratory status: ventilation | 4 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 0180 \\ & 0200 \\ & 3140 \\ & 3210 \\ & 3350 \end{aligned}$ | Energy management Exercise promotion Airway management Airway insertion and stabilization Respiratory monitoring | 4 4 4 4 4 |
| 00198 | Disturbed sleep pattern | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 0003 \\ & 0004 \\ & 0211 \end{aligned}$ | Rest <br> Sleep <br> Skeletal function | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 0180 \\ & 1850 \\ & 6040 \\ & 0200 \\ & 6480 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Energy management <br> Sleep enhancement <br> Relaxion therapy <br> Exercise promotion <br> Environmental management | 1 1 1 |
| 00085 | Impaired physical mobility | 29 | $\begin{aligned} & 0200 \\ & 0206 \\ & 0208 \\ & 1909 \end{aligned}$ | Ambulation <br> Joint movement <br> Mobility <br> Fall prevention behavior | 29 29 29 29 | 0224 <br> 0201 <br> 0221 <br> 0840 <br> 5612 <br> 6490 | Exercise promotion: joint mobility Exercise promotion: strength training Exercise promotion: ambulation Positioning Teaching: prescribed exercise Fall prevention | 29 29 29 29 29 29 |
| 00093 | Fatigue | 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 0005 \\ & 0001 \\ & 0002 \end{aligned}$ | Activity tolerance Endurance Energy conservation | 5 5 5 | $\begin{aligned} & 0180 \\ & 6480 \\ & 4410 \\ & 5100 \end{aligned}$ | Energy management Environmental management Mutual goal setting Socialization enhancement | 5 5 5 5 |

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| NANDA-I |  | n | NOC |  | n |  | NIC | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00029 | Decreased cardiac output | 16 | 0001 | Endurance | 16 | 0140 | Body mechanics promotion | 16 |
|  |  |  | 0005 | Activity tolerance | 16 | 0180 | Energy management | 16 |
|  |  |  | 0400 | Cardiac pump effectiveness | 16 | 0200 | Exercise promotion | 16 |
|  |  |  | 0401 | Circulation status | 16 | 4046 | Cardiac care: rehabilitative | 16 |
|  |  |  | 0405 | Tissue perfusion: cardiac | 16 | 5380 | Improvement of security | 16 |
|  |  |  | 0603 | Fluid overload severity | 16 |  |  |  |
| 00240 | Risk for decreased cardiac output |  | 0001 | Endurance | 18 | 0140 | Body mechanics promotion | 18 |
|  |  |  | 0005 | Activity tolerance | 18 | 0180 | Energy management | 18 |
|  |  |  | 0400 | Cardiac pump effectiveness | 18 | 0200 | Exercise promotion | 18 |
|  |  |  | 0401 | Circulation status | 18 | 4046 | Cardiac care: rehabilitative | 18 |
|  |  |  | 0405 | Tissue perfusion: cardiac | 18 | 5380 | Improvement of security | 18 |
|  |  |  | 0603 | Fluid overload severity | 18 |  |  |  |
| 00092 | Activity intolerance | 7 | 0005 | Activity tolerance | 7 | 0201 | Exercise promotion: strength training | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0200 | Exercise promotion | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0180 | Energy management | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1850 | Sleep enhancement | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 4410 | Mutual goal setting | 7 |
| 00204 | Ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion | 5 | 2400 | Sensori-function: tactile | 5 | 2660 | Peripheral sensation management | 5 |
|  |  |  | 1101 | Tissue integrity: skin and membranes | 5 | 4066 | Cardiac care: venous insufficiency | 5 |
|  |  |  | 0407 | Tissue perfusion: peripheral | 5 | 4062 | Cardiac care: arterial insufficiency | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0840 | Positioning | 5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0200 | Exercise promotion | 5 |
| 00228 | Risk for ineffective peripheral tissue perfusion | 18 | 2400 | Sensori-function: tactile | 18 | 2660 | Peripheral sensation management | 18 |
|  |  |  | 1101 | Tissue integrity: skin and membranes | 18 | 4066 | Cardiac care: venous insufficiency | 18 |
|  |  |  | 0407 | Tissue perfusion: peripheral | 18 | 4062 | Cardiac care: arterial insufficiency | 18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0840 | Positioning | 18 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0200 | Exercise promotion | 18 |
| 00185 | Readiness for enhanced hope | 13 | 0601 | Fluid balance | 13 | 2080 | Fluid/electrolyte management | 13 |
|  |  |  | 0602 | Hydration | 13 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 0600 | Electrolyte and acid/base balance | 13 |  |  |  |
| 00153 | Risk for situational low self-esteem | 13 | 0906 | Decision making | 13 | 4920 | Active listening | 13 |
|  |  |  | 1304 | Grief resolution | 13 | 5340 | Presence | 13 |
|  |  |  | 1305 | Psychosocial adjustment: life change | 13 | 5240 | Counseling | 13 |
|  |  |  | 1205 | Self-esteem | 13 | 4700 | Cognitive restructuring | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 7140 | Family support | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5430 | Support group | 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5230 | Coping enhancement | 13 |
| 00118 | Disturbed body image | 10 | 1200 | Body image | 10 | 5400 | Self-esteem enhancement | 10 |
|  |  |  | 1304 | Grief resolution | 10 | 5240 | Counseling | 10 |
|  |  |  | 1205 | Self-esteem | 10 | 5340 | Presence | 10 |
|  |  |  | 1305 | Psychosocial adjustment: life change | 10 | 4920 | Active listening | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5220 | Body image enhancement | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5290 | Grief work facilitation | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5430 | Support group | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 8100 | Referral | 10 |
| 00061 | Caregiver role strain | 3 | 2508 | Caregiver well-being | 3 | 7040 | Caregiver support | 3 |
|  |  |  | 2203 | Caregiver lifestyle disruption | 3 | 7260 | Respite care | 3 |
|  |  |  | 2506 | Caregiver emotional health | 3 | 5230 | Coping enhancement | 3 |
|  |  |  | 2210 | Caregiver role support | 3 | 7120 | Family mobilization | 3 |
|  |  |  | 2600 | Family coping | 3 | 4410 | Mutual goal setting | 3 |
|  |  |  | 2603 | Family integrity | 3 | 5440 | Support system enhancement | 3 |
| 00052 | Impaired social interaction | 1 | 2602 | Family functioning | 1 | 4360 | Behavior modification | 1 |
|  |  |  | 1502 | Social interaction skills | 1 | 7100 | Family integrity promotion | 1 |
|  |  |  | 1503 | Social involvement | 1 | 5240 | Counseling | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 4350 | Behavior management | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 7140 | Family support | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 4480 | Self-responsibility facilitation | 1 |
| 00148 | Fear | 17 | 1402 | Anxiety self-control | 17 | 5820 | Anxiety reduction | 17 |
|  |  |  | 1210 | Fear level | 17 | 5230 | Coping enhancement | 17 |
|  |  |  | 1404 | Fear self-control | 17 | 5340 | Presence | 17 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 5240 | Counseling | 17 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 6040 | Relaxion therapy | 17 |

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## Conclusions

This study showed that the use of a care planning created according to Marjory Gordon's model, and the NANDA, the NIC and NOC taxonomic language, applied to CR, is able to satisfy the health needs on the patient' physiological and psychosocial sphere. This is possible thanks to the safety, quality, and the constant and continue care of the nursing assistance to the patients. It should be emphasized that taking care of the person requires that the nurse must be fully present. The nurse could have the possibility to
express their own in-depth scientific theoretical knowledge, critical thinking, clinical professional competence, and to independently evaluate the situation, in order to take the best decisions for the patient's safety and health, in full responsibility. Finally, a careful listening through a dialogue, allows to guarantee personalized assistance, able to carefully plan, manage and implement nursing interventions in line with the expected health results, reinforcing the attention to psychological, spiritual and emotional aspects in a logic of sharing the care plan with the patient. The use of an assistance documentation, of the NANDA, NIC and NOC taxonomies in CR setting, as well as improving communication between nurses

Table 5. Continued from previous page.

| NAND |  | n | NOC |  | n |  | NIC | n |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 00146 | Anxiety | 60 | $\begin{aligned} & 1211 \\ & 1302 \\ & 1404 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Anxiety level Coping Fear self-control | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 60 \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5820 \\ & 4370 \end{aligned}$ | Anxiety reduction Impulse control training | 60 60 |
| 00071 | Defensive coping | 23 | $\begin{aligned} & 1302 \\ & 1205 \\ & 1502 \end{aligned}$ | Coping <br> Self-esteem Social interaction skills | $\begin{aligned} & 23 \\ & 23 \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5230 \\ & 5240 \\ & 5270 \\ & 4920 \\ & 4340 \\ & 4360 \end{aligned}$ | Coping enhancement <br> Counseling <br> Emotional support <br> Active listening <br> Assertiveness training <br> Behavior modification | 23 23 23 23 23 23 |
| 00074 | Compromised family coping | 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 2600 \\ & 2602 \\ & 2603 \\ & 2604 \end{aligned}$ | Family coping Family functioning Family integrity Family normalization | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 16 \\ & 16 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5230 \\ & 7100 \\ & 7150 \\ & 5240 \\ & 8100 \end{aligned}$ | Coping enhancement <br> Family integrity promotion <br> Family therapy <br> Counseling <br> Referral | 16 16 16 16 16 |
| 00137 | Chronic sorrow | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1208 \\ & 1302 \\ & 1204 \\ & 1300 \end{aligned}$ | Depression level Coping Mood equilibrium Acceptance: health status | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5230 \\ & 8100 \\ & 4920 \\ & 4340 \end{aligned}$ | Coping enhancement Referral Active listening Assertiveness training | 16 1 1 1 |
| 00083 | Decisional conflict | 8 | $\begin{aligned} & 0906 \\ & 0907 \\ & 1606 \end{aligned}$ | Decision making Information processing Participation in health care decision | $8$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5250 \\ & 4410 \\ & 5520 \\ & 7400 \\ & 7460 \\ & 5480 \\ & 5820 \end{aligned}$ | Decision making support Mutual goal setting Learning facilitation Health system guidance Patient rights protection Values clarification Anxiety reduction | 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 |
| 00004 | Risk for infection | 14 | 0702 | Immune status | 14 | $\begin{aligned} & 6540 \\ & 3660 \\ & 5510 \end{aligned}$ | Infection control <br> Wound care <br> Health education | 14 14 14 |
| 00035 | Risk for injury | 23 | $\begin{aligned} & 1910 \\ & 1902 \end{aligned}$ | Self-home environment Risk control | $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6420 \\ & 6654 \\ & 6610 \end{aligned}$ | Area restriction Surveillance: safety Risk identification | 19 19 19 |
| 00245 | Risk for corneal injury | 2 | $\begin{aligned} & 1602 \\ & 1611 \\ & 2404 \end{aligned}$ | Health promoting behavior Vision compensation behavior Sensori-function: vision | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6480 \\ & 1650 \end{aligned}$ | Environmental management Eye care | 2 |
| 00044 | Impaired tissue integrity | 14 | $\begin{aligned} & 2400 \\ & 1101 \\ & 0407 \end{aligned}$ | Sensori-function: tactile Tissue integrity: skin and membranes Tissue perfusion: peripheral | $\begin{aligned} & 14 \\ & 14 \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2660 \\ & 4062 \\ & 4066 \\ & 0840 \\ & 0200 \end{aligned}$ | Peripheral sensation management Cardiac care: arterial insufficiency Cardiac care: venous insufficiency Positioning Exercise promotion | 14 <br> 14 <br> 14 <br> 14 <br> 14 |
| 00250 | Risk for urinary tract injury | 17 | $\begin{aligned} & 0601 \\ & 0602 \end{aligned}$ | Fluid balance Hydration | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0590 \\ & 2080 \end{aligned}$ | Urinary elimination management Fluid/electrolyte management | 17 17 |
| 00086 | Risk for peripheral neurovascular dysfunction | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 2400 \\ & 1101 \\ & 0407 \end{aligned}$ | Sensori function: tactile <br> Tissue integrity: skin and membranes <br> Tissue perfusion: peripheral | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \\ & 4 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2660 \\ & 4062 \\ & 4066 \\ & 0840 \\ & 0200 \end{aligned}$ | Peripheral sensation management Cardiac care: arterial insufficiency Cardiac care: venous insufficiency Positioning Exercise promotion | 4 4 4 4 4 |
| 00214 | Impaired comfort | 22 | 1608 | Symptom control | 22 |  |  |  |

and other health professionals, promotes both the development of research and the dissemination of culture and nursing discipline, both the qualitative improvement of the assistance. In this way, the nurse could adopt different strategies for health management of each patient (education, counseling, cardiovascular risk modification, lifestyle modification) for reducing cardiovascular risks and preventing newer acute cardiovascular events.

In conclusion, nursing care documentation and NNN taxonomic language promotes a wide diffusion of nursing discipline culture and significant qualitative improvement of patient's care, further improving the communication between nurses and other health professionals.

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