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NURSING ASSISTANCE IN THE TREATMENT OF BREAST CANCER TO VULNERABILITIES AND CHALLENGES

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Objective: To verify nursing care in the treatment of breast cancer in face of the vulnerabilities and challenges of the treatment. **Methodology:** Bibliographic review in the electronic databases: PubMed, SciELO, Lilacs, Medline through the descriptors: Breast Neoplasia, Nursing Care, and Women's Health. **Results:** Breast cancer is the most feared among women, because of the high occurrence and worrying effects, the breast being an important part of women's aesthetics, besides causing emotional and social problems such as stress, depression, anxiety, and fear. The onset of breast cancer is related to several factors such as family history, long-term contraceptive use, early menarche, life habits such as smoking, obesity, and environmental interference. However, according to the National Policy of Integral Attention to Women's Health, breast cancer is belatedly diagnosed in about 60% of the cases and changing this situation is necessary since the early diagnosis significantly increases the life expectancy of women. Health care professionals such as nursing professionals should take on the responsibility of participating in the detection of breast abnormalities in the consultations, performing comprehensive and humanized care. The role of the nurse during consultations in Women's Health Care is essential, by identifying abnormalities through reception, clinical breast examination, health education, and requesting deeper examinations when necessary. This type of neoplasia provides many vulnerabilities to the affected women, due to several factors, mainly due to the therapeutic forms that have an aggressive and traumatizing character for the life and health of the patient. **Conclusion:** In view of this problem, nursing care has great importance as an educational agent and emotional support in the treatment of breast cancer for the patient and family with the humanized care practice.