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The Effect of Pilates Exercise Nursing Combined with Communication Standard-Reaching Theory Nursing and Pelvic Floor Muscle Training on Bladder Function and Family Function of Patients after Cervical Cancer Surgery

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Objective. To explore the effect of Pilates exercise nursing combined with nursing based on the theory of communication compliance and pelvic floor muscle training on bladder function and family function of patients after cervical cancer surgery.

Methods. The medical records of 96 postoperative cervical cancer patients treated in our hospital from November 2019 to May 2021 were selected as retrospective research objects and were divided into observation group and control group with 48 cases each according to the digital table method. The control group received nursing care based on the theory of communication compliance and pelvic floor muscle training, and the observation group received Pilates exercise therapy nursing on the basis of the control group. The differences in urinary retention, family intimacy and adaptability, bladder function, and family function evaluation scores were compared between the two groups.

Results. After nursing, the residual urine volume, urination time, and urination interval of the observation group were lower than those of the control group, while the self-resolving urination rate and urination volume of the observation group were higher than those of the control group, which was statistically significant (P < 0.05). Before nursing, the family intimacy and adaptability scores of the two groups of patients were not statistically significant (P > 0.05). After nursing, the family intimacy score, family adaptability score, and sexual function score of the observation group were significantly higher than the control group; the comparison was statistically significant (P < 0.05). After nursing, the bladder function recovery of the observation group was significantly better than that of the control group, which was statistically significant (P < 0.05). Before nursing, the comparison of family function evaluation between the two groups of patients was not statistically significant (P > 0.05). After nursing, the observation group’s problem solving, communication, role, emotional response, emotional intervention, behavior control, and total functional scores were lower than those of the control group, which were statistically significant (P < 0.05). Conclusion. Carrying out nursing care based on the theory of communication compliance with Pilates exercise therapy for patients after cervical cancer surgery has a good nursing effect improves the patient’s family intimacy and adaptability and patient’s urinary retention and bladder function. Moreover, Pilates exercise nursing is a postoperative treatment for cervical cancer which provides a certain reference for clinical care of patients.
1. Introduction

Cervical cancer is a relatively common malignant tumor with a high incidence. At present, radical cervical cancer is mainly used for treatment, but patients are prone to bladder dysfunction after surgery [1]. It is manifested as urinary retention, disappearance of urinary sensation, and dysuria, which severely affects the quality of patients’ life [2]. Clinically, patients with early cervical cancer are usually treated with surgical operation, since the surgical site is the pelvic segment which lead the ureter and bladder easily damaged during the operation and induce the complications such as urinary retention and urinary tract infection [3]. For a long time, it will bring a heavy burden to patients physiologically, psychologically, and economically. Therefore, it is an urgent problem to treat patients with bladder function recovery as soon as possible after surgery [4]. Currently, non-drug intervention methods are commonly used to prevent urinary retention after radical resection of cervical cancer. However, the effect of its clinical application remains unclear. Pelvic floor muscle training can improve the ability of urethral closure. Pelvic floor muscle training mainly relies on oral teaching, and it is difficult to form vivid body language to effectively guide patients [5]. Pilates exercise therapy is a sports rehabilitation method created by the German Joseph Pilates. After continuous evolution, it is gradually applied to sports medicine and rehabilitation medicine [6].

Pilates exercise therapy emphasizes core, breathing, and control and is consistent with the purpose of pelvic floor muscle exercise, so it is beneficial to restore pelvic floor muscles and bladder function [7]. At present, Pilates exercise therapy has achieved satisfactory results in improving the symptoms of urinary incontinence in patients undergoing radical prostatectomy and improving postpartum pelvic floor muscle function in women, but its application after radical resection of cervical cancer has not been reported yet [8]. Based on this, this study explores the effects of Pilates exercise therapy nursing combined with communication standard nursing and pelvic floor muscle training on the bladder function and family function of patients after cervical cancer surgery.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Research Object. The medical records of 96 postoperative cervical cancer patients who were treated in our hospital from November 2019 to May 2021 were selected as the retrospective study objects. According to the digital table method, they were divided into observation group and control group with 48 cases each. The observation group is as follows: age 30-73 (50.3 ± 4.2) years old, disease course 1-21 years, and average 11.1 years. The disease types are as follows: 32 cases of cervical squamous cell carcinoma, 12 cases of cervical adenocarcinoma, and 4 cases of cervical adenosquamous carcinoma. The tumor stages are as follows: 25 cases of stage IIIB, 15 cases of stage IIA, and 8 cases of stage IIB; 11 cases of total hysterectomy; 30 cases of subtotal hysterectomy; and 7 cases of total hysterectomy combined with pelvic dissection. The control group is as follows: age 30-73 (50.3 ± 4.2) years old, disease course 1-21 years, and average 11.1 years. The disease types are as follows: 32 cases of cervical squamous cell carcinoma, 12 cases of cervical adenocarcinoma, and 4 cases of cervical adenosquamous carcinoma. The tumor stages are as follows: 25 cases of stage IIIB, 15 cases of stage IIA, and 8 cases of stage IIB; 11 cases of total hysterectomy; 30 cases of subtotal hysterectomy; and 7 cases of total hysterectomy combined with pelvic dissection. The observation group and the control group had no statistically significant differences in general clinical data such as age and course of disease, and they had good comparability (P > 0.05).

2.2. Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria. Inclusion criteria are as follows: (1) the included patients meet the “2019 NCCN Cervical Cancer Clinical Practice Guidelines” [9] postoperative diagnostic criteria for cervical cancer, after pathological tissue biopsy, combined with symptoms and signs, diagnosed as cervical cancer; (2) undergoing radical treatment of cervical cancer surgery (extensive hysterectomy + pelvic lymph node dissection), normal urination before surgery, good physical activity, independent communication ability, and can cooperate with training; and (3) general information is complete, clear consciousness, reading and language expression skills, and willing to participate in this research. Exclusion criteria are as follows: (1) there are contraindications to surgery, and cancer cells have metastasized and spread, accompanied by autoimmune system disorders; (2) the patient received radiotherapy, chemotherapy, or other anticancer treatments before surgery, and pelvic organ prolapse ≥ II patients with a history of pelvic surgery before surgery, patients with urinary system and signs before surgery, diabetes, or thyroid disease; and (3) urinary retention caused by other causes such as bladder tumor, spinal cord injury or urinary tract injury, difficulty in urination, or limited physical function before surgery.

2.3. Nursing Methods

2.3.1. Nursing and Pelvic Floor Muscle Training Based on the Theory of Communication Compliance. The control group received nursing care and pelvic floor muscle training based on the theory of communication compliance, namely, (1) pelvic floor muscle training: voluntary contraction of the perineum and anal sphincter (muscles around the pubic bone and coccyx) while relaxing the abdomen, lower limbs, and buttocks muscles. The patient chooses a comfortable position (either sitting or lying position), try to lift the pelvic floor muscles as much as possible, maintain it for 5~10 s, and relax for 10 s; this is 1 movement, and 50 times is 1 group, 3 groups a day, respectively, in the morning. Patients are trained in the afternoon and before going to bed. 4 weeks of training is a course of treatment, and the efficacy evaluation will be carried out after 3 courses. When the patient was discharged from the hospital, the investigator checked whether the patient fully grasped the training method: the patient took the lying position, and the investigator puts on disposable gloves, smeared liquid paraffin on the index finger, gently inserted into the patient’s anus, and instructed
the patient to train the pelvic floor muscles with fingers. Feel the tightness inside the anus as a standard for the patient to master the training method. Cognitive interactive communication between patients and their families is as follows: ① Establish a communication compliance team, which consists of 1 physicist, 1 deputy chief physician, 1 head nurse, and 1 postinstallation full-time nurse. Team members have mastered the theoretical knowledge of communication compliance and interaction theory and the implementation norms of communication compliance theory. ② Understand the educational knowledge of patients and family members. If the patient or family members do not understand educational knowledge, nurses need to adjust the educational thinking and repeat the knowledge points that the patient and family members must master. After the end of the health education, the patients and their families were given 5 minutes to review the content of the education. According to the theoretical requirements of communication standards, patients and family members retell each other’s educational content, one side retells each other, the other listens carefully to whether the retelling content is biased, and supplements and perfects it, and the nurse videotapes the retelling of both parties. Through lectures, individual guidance, knowledge manuals, and peer education, patiently explain to patients and their families the knowledge of diseases, possible discomforts, complications and their prevention, treatment methods, and precautions during and after radiotherapy, and when necessary, the patient tells the successful case and arranges the successful treatment person to communicate with the patient face to face. Health education should be carried out in a quiet and relatively private environment. Nurses should speak slowly, speak easy to understand, and pay attention to eye contact with patients and family members. If the patient or family member shows fear of difficulty, the nurse will give specific instructions and demonstrations, and let the patient and family member learn the method of retelling. (2) Emotional communication between nurses and patients: ① According to the patient’s psychological characteristics, education level, and hobbies, do some physical and mental health activities during the treatment, such as walking, listening to music, practicing Qigong, and morning exercises, 30 min/time; increase the patient’s interest in life; and maintain a comfortable mood to reduce or eliminate fear. ② Applying cognitive behavioral intervention, teaching patients to use the method of relaxing inner image, through progressive muscle relaxation 5, with imagery imagination (such as imagining optimistic and pleasant scenes and things), relax the muscles of the whole body, and relieve anxiety and irritability, 20 min/time, 2 times/d; support expression intervention, encourage patients to express negative emotions, pay attention to the questions and concerns of patients, understand their suggestions and requirements, and give correct guidance patiently and meticulously.

2.3.2. Pilates Exercise Therapy Care. The observation group carried out Pilates exercise care on the basis of the control group, namely, (1) formulating exercise plan: the researcher and the hospital physical therapist were referring to relevant literature, and based on the physical characteristics of the patients after radical cervical cancer, formulating general lifting exercise therapy care program. (2) Exercise content: Pilates exercise therapy nursing content and the sequence of action essentials are as follows: ① Lie on your back, bend your knees, make your pelvis and spine at the same level, parallel your legs, place your hands on your sides, palms down, and relax your shoulders. Inhale, let your body hang in the air, keep your legs parallel, support your feet, stare at the ceiling, tuck your lower jaw slightly, support the upper body with your shoulder blades, and turn your upper arms over your head; exhale, gradually relax from your chest along the spine line, and let the spine slowly fall back to yoga mat. Repeat the action 10 times as a group. ② Sitting position, the spine is perpendicular to the ground, the top of the head is extended to the ceiling, the arms are horizontally bent, the palms of the hands are downward, and the legs are horizontally placed in front of the torso and the width of the hips; inhale, the neck is raised, and the shoulders are relaxed; exhale, keep the body twist from the waist to the right without moving (the chest, shoulders, and neck turn to the right in turn) and slowly reset. Alternate twisting from left to right is 1 time, and 5 repetitions are 1 set. ③ Sit position, with legs bent and knees together, soles of feet down; hands flat behind, shoulder width, hands, and feet in the same direction; waist tightly, shoulders stretched back, waist straight; inhale, extend upward along the spine; exhale, use the strength of your abdominal muscles to slowly lift your buttocks away from the yoga mat; exhale, keep it in the air; exhale slowly back down. Repeat the action 10 times as a group. ④ Sitting position, the legs are abducted to both sides in a diamond shape, the feet are brought together; the top of the head is extended to the ceiling, the spine is perpendicular to the ground, the arms are hanging down, and the hands are placed on the knees; inhale, slowly lift up the muscles around the pubic bone and coccyx; exhale, slowly relax and fall. Repeat the action 10 times as a group. (3) Implementation of intervention: During the postoperative hospital stay, the researcher and the hospital physiotherapist will guide the patient to train through demonstration. The training venue is the department conference room. Practice on your own after the patient has fully mastered the essentials of the movement. If serious discomfort or complications occur during exercise, immediately stop training, consult the investigator on-site or by phone, and the investigator will determine whether to continue training after evaluation. Pilates exercise therapy was started after the drainage tube was removed after surgery, once a day, for 4 weeks of training.

2.4. Observation Indicators

2.4.1. Urinary Retention. Record the urinary retention after the two groups of nursing, including urination time, urination interval and urination volume, self-dissolving urination rate, and urination volume.

2.4.2. Family Intimacy and Adaptability Scale (FACES). Mainly used to evaluate family functions, including intimacy (emotional connections between family members) and
adaptable (family system changes with the family environment and different development stages of the family). There are questions (but the same ability to change), a total of 30 items, of which 16 items are intimacy and 14 items are adaptability. Each item is scored from 1 to 5, from 1 to 5 representing the status of the item described in the subject and the degree of presence in the family. At present, the scale has been widely used in family function assessment in the United States, and its Cronbach’s coefficients are all > 0.6, and the test-retest reliability is 0.54~0.91. The Female Sexual Function Inventory (FSFI) is a self-rated female sexual function measurement scale, with 19 items including 6 dimensions, namely, libido (2 items), sexual arousal (4 items), vaginal lubrication (4 items), orgasm (3 items), sexual satisfaction (3 items), and dyspareunia (3 items). The 19 items are all in a hierarchical format, divided into 0 to 5 levels. The higher the score of the positive item, the better the quality of sexual life; the higher the score of the reverse item, the worse the quality of sexual life.

2.4.3. Evaluation of Bladder Function. The evaluations of bladder function are as follows: For grade I, there is no urinary dysfunction, residual urine volume is below 50 ml, and bladder function recovery is good; for grade II, residual urine volume is between 50 and 100 ml, it can be recovered after proper treatment spontaneous urination, and bladder function recovery is slightly worse; for grade III, the residual urine volume is more than 100 ml, and bladder function recovery is poor; and for grade IV, after the urinary tube is pulled out, the bladder function cannot be urinated spontaneously, and the bladder function cannot be recovered even with proper treatment. The Cronbach’s coefficient of this scale is 0.817.

2.4.4. Family Function. Evaluate the patient’s family function 8. The items include problem solving, communication, roles, emotional response, emotional intervention, behavior control, general functions, etc. There are 60 items in total, and the scoring range of each aspect is 1~5. Between 4 points, the lower the score, the better the family function. The Cronbach’s coefficient of the scale is 0.726.

2.5. Statistical Methods. Use EpiData to enter all the data, and then use SPSS 25.0 to statistically process the data. The data needs to be entered into a computer database by a second person to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the data. The measurement data expressed as mean ± standard deviation (x ± S) using t-test; statistically, P < 0.05 is meaningful.

3. Results

3.1. Comparison of Urinary Retention. After nursing, the residual urine volume, urination time, and urination interval of the observation group were lower than those of the control group, while the self-resolving urination rate and urination volume of the observation group were higher than those of the control group, which was statistically significant (P < 0.05) (see Table 1).

3.2. Comparison of Family Intimacy and Adaptability. Before nursing, the family intimacy and adaptability scores of the two groups of patients were not statistically significant (P > 0.05). After nursing, the family intimacy score, family adaptability score, and sexual function score of the observation group were significantly higher than the control group; the comparison was statistically significant (P < 0.05) (see Table 2).

3.3. Comparison of Bladder Function. After nursing, the bladder function recovery of the observation group was significantly better than that of the control group, which was statistically significant (P < 0.05) (see Table 3).

3.4. Comparison of Family Function Evaluation. Before nursing, the comparison of family function evaluation between the two groups of patients was not statistically significant (P > 0.05). After nursing, the observation group’s problem solving, communication, role, emotional response, emotional intervention, behavior control, and total functional scores were lower than those of the control group, which were statistically significant (P < 0.05) (Table 4).

4. Discussion

Cervical cancer is a type of gynecological malignant tumor with a high incidence. Whether it is during the development of the disease or after treatment, the body shows damage to the internal and external balance environment or deviates from the normal state, which has a greater impact on the life and health of patients [10]. Although the use of radical cervical cancer can achieve a certain effect, the operation itself is an invasive operation. On the one hand, some patients are prone to bladder dysfunction after surgery, which has a greater impact on their quality of life [11]. On the other hand, because surgical operations may pose a greater threat to the patient’s quality of life, family functions, etc., this requires nursing staff to implement active and effective interventions for patients undergoing radical cervical cancer surgery to achieve the purpose of promoting recovery [12]. Although traditional clinical nursing work can achieve certain results, it has been unable to meet the increasing needs of patients. In addition, some patients have a poor grasp of cervical cancer-related knowledge and cannot pay enough attention to their own nursing work and health rehabilitation [13].

After nursing in this study, the residual urine volume, urination time, and urination interval of the observation group were lower than those of the control group, while the self-dissolving urination rate and urination volume of the observation group were higher than those of the control group. Based on the theory of communication compliance, nursing combined with Pilates exercise therapy to reduce urinary retention in patients. Based on the theory of communication compliance, nursing care is only carried out according to the doctor’s advice, and the patient’s psychological needs are not paid attention to. The patient’s unhealthy psychology will directly affect the postoperative recovery effect and has a negative impact on treatment and
In this study, the nursing effect of family intimacy score, family adaptability score, and sexual function score of the observation group was significantly higher than the control group, indicating that the nursing care combined with Pilates exercise therapy has a remarkable effect for patients after cervical cancer surgery. The foreign literature has been reported that the postoperative sexual function of patients should be used as one of the prognostic evaluation factors of treatment. Domestic scholars have also proposed that the quality of sexual life is an important component, which is needed to measure after cervical cancer surgery [19]. Family adaptability refers to the adaptability of the family system to change with the family situation and the different development stages of the family. The family is the main place of individual life. Family members communicate with each other and influence and restrict each other, and any changes in elements will affect other factors. When cervical cancer patients are hit by the disease, the adaptability and adaptability of couples to sudden major diseases are lower than those of healthy people. When families face major diseases such as tumors, family intimacy will increase, and the increase in intimacy is conducive to the emotional development of the entire family. Nursing intervention based on the theory of communication compliance with Pilates exercise therapy can increase the patient’s family intimacy, thereby improving the emotional connection between family members. After the nursing intervention based on the theory of communication compliance and Pilates exercise therapy, this attitude of care and mutual support has improved.

**Table 1: Comparison of urinary retention between the two groups (x ± s).**

| Group                  | Residual urine volume (ml) | Self-solving urination rate | Urine volume (ml) | Urination time (min) | Time between urination (h) |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Control group (48)     | 114.79 ± 11.15             | 39 (81.25)                  | 15.64 ± 4.17      | 10.37 ± 2.23         | 12.97 ± 2.21              |
| Observation group (48) | 79.92 ± 10.49              | 44 (91.67)                  | 32.68 ± 6.20      | 3.35 ± 1.12          | 4.52 ± 1.33               |

\(x^2/t\)

\(P\) ≤0.01 ≤0.01 ≤0.01 ≤0.01 ≤0.01

**Table 2: Comparison of family intimacy and adaptability between the two groups (x ± s).**

| Group                  | Family intimacy Before care | After care | Family adaptability Before care | After care | Sexual function Before care | After care |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Observation group (48) | 66.27 ± 2.14                | 70.27 ± 2.23 | 45.21 ± 11.21                   | 49.14 ± 6.16 | 18.27 ± 1.23                | 20.18 ± 1.68 |
| Control group (48)     | 66.23 ± 1.37                | 63.25 ± 3.12 | 45.23 ± 10.57                   | 45.15 ± 3.45 | 18.25 ± 1.82                | 15.23 ± 1.57 |
| \(t\)                  | 0.104                       | 12.682     | -0.009                         | 3.915      | 0.063                       | 14.915     |
| \(P\)                  | 0.917                       | ≤0.01      | 0.993                          | ≤0.01      | 0.950                       | ≤0.01      |

**Table 3: Comparison of bladder function between the two groups (x ± s).**

| Group                  | I        | II       | III      | IV       |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Control group (48)     | 19 (39.58) | 14 (29.17) | 11 (22.92) | 4 (8.33) |
| Observation group (48) | 30 (62.50) | 16 (33.33) | 2 (4.17)  | 0        |

\(x^2\) 12.833

\(P\) 0.005
Table 4: Comparison of family function evaluation between the two groups of patients ($\bar{x} \pm s$).

| Group                  | Problem solved | Communication | Role     | Emotional response | Emotional involvement | Behavior control | General function |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Observation group (48) | Before care    | 20.64 ± 0.31  | 28.49 ± 5.24 | 35.27 ± 0.14        | 20.27 ± 2.23         | 24.21 ± 2.31     | 30.39 ± 4.75     |
|                        | After care     | 21.68 ± 1.47ab| 21.89 ± 5.66ab| 28.23 ± 1.37ab      | 15.25 ± 1.82ab       | 19.23 ± 0.57ab   | 26.42 ± 4.79ab   |
| Control group (48)     | Before care    | 20.16 ± 0.20  | 28.31 ± 4.36 | 35.21 ± 0.32        | 20.14 ± 1.29         | 24.27 ± 1.21     | 30.64 ± 3.31     |
|                        | After care     | 11.29 ± 0.61a | 17.20 ± 3.52a| 17.23 ± 0.68a       | 12.15 ± 0.46a        | 14.26 ± 0.37a    | 15.68 ± 3.47a    |

Compared with before nursing $a^P < 0.05$. Compared with control group $ab^P < 0.05$. 
Therefore, nursing combined with Pilates exercise therapy based on the theory of communication compliance can effectively circumvent the patient's fear of sexual life, restore the harmony of sexual life between husband and wife, and improve the quality of sexual life [20–22]. Based on the theory of communication compliance with Pilates exercise therapy for patients with early cervical cancer after surgery is beneficial to improve the family's ability to withstand stress and adaptability [23].

The observation group's problem solving, communication, role, emotional response, emotional intervention, behavior control, and total functional scores after nursing in this study were lower than those of the control group. Provide exercise therapy care to improve the patient's family function. Pilates exercise is mainly based on static isometric contraction. Although the intensity is not large, there are more muscle groups involved in the exercise, which strengthens the tension of the core muscle group, improves the blood circulation of the pelvic floor muscles, and helps promote surgery wound healing and recovery of pelvic floor muscle function [24]. In addition, Pilates needs to use a variety of postures during exercise. By cooperating with breathing, the damaged pelvic floor muscles can be exercised, which not only enhances the contractility of the pelvic floor muscles but also prevents the falling of the bladder and plays a good role in the recovery of bladder function [25]. Pilates exercise not only requires coordination of breathing and muscle movement but also requires a high degree of concentration, eliminating distracting thoughts, so that the central nervous system can be effectively regulated, thereby relieving stress and promoting its positive emotional level [26]. Pilates exercise is similar to mindful breathing training. It controls emotional response by adjusting breathing, thereby eliminating stress and fear, helping them maintain an optimistic life attitude, and helping to improve the quality of life of patients [27]. Pilates exercise is a static exercise. Its movement is slow. Through the coordination of muscle movement and breathing, it helps to reduce the excitability of the central nervous system, eliminates excessive energy consumption caused by emotional tension, and allows the body and mind to be fully rested, thereby improving the symptoms of fatigue. The quality of life is reduced [28]. Pilates exercise is practiced in a quiet environment, dim lighting, and soft music. It makes the practitioner's brain presents a relaxed and quiet state, the so-called "relaxed state"; this stable mood is conducive to the synthesis and synthesis of dopamine. Release, the clinical symptoms of patients are effectively relieved, and the quality of life is improved [29].

This study provides reliable experience in the nursing of patients after cervical cancer surgery in our hospital, and to a certain extent, it also promotes the improvement of the quality of care in our department. At the same time, there are still some limitations: First, due to the limitation of the number of cases, this study will inevitably exist. Secondly, the sample size of this study is small. Due to different factors, such as age and education level, most of the patients are rural elderly patients, who have poor grasp of disease knowledge and low cognition. Finally, the intervention time is short, and the continuity of nursing measures needs to be further improved in the future.

In summary, the implementation of nursing care based on the theory of communication compliance with Pilates exercise therapy for patients after cervical cancer surgery has a better nursing effect, improves the patient's family intimacy and adaptability, and improves the patient's urinary retention and bladder function. The clinical care of patients after cancer provides a certain reference. However, it is necessary to strengthen the promotion of network platforms, expand the sample size, and extend the intervention time in the further study.

Data Availability
No data were used in this study.

Conflicts of Interest
The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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