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**FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH ETHICAL PROBLEM AMONG NURSES IN
CLINICAL DUTY: MIXED METHOD STUDY**

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Abstract

Introduction: Ethical problems are integral part of the nursing work situation that contributes to moral distress among nurses. Therefore, this study was undertaken to find out the factors that are associated with ethical problem in nurses' clinical duty. **Methods:** A mixed method research design was used. Survey was done with 63 nurses of a teaching hospital with use of a self administered questionnaire that measured ethical problem experienced by nurses and the factors contributing ethical problem. In-depth interview was conducted in Nepali language with four nurses who participated in survey. Regression analysis was done for quantitative data with use of SPSS 20, while thematic analysis was done in qualitative data and the main findings of quantitative and qualitative data were triangulated. **Results:** Study revealed that respondents experienced different ethical problems such as neglected patient's autonomy, confidentiality, privacy, and inadequate patient care. The factor significantly associated with ethical problem was inadequate resources for patient care while, none of the demographic variables were associated with ethical problem. Similarly, there was increased chance of ignoring patient's health care need if given inadequate orientation to staff about patient management. **Conclusion:** Nurses experience different ethical problems in their clinical duty. Inadequate resources for patient care and lack of orientation tends to be important factors in resulting ethical problems in patient care

Key words: Factors associated, ethical problem, nurses, clinical practice

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