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*RESEARCH USE FROM ITALIAN
NURSES TO INCREASE THEIR
KNOWLEDGE IN THE CLINICAL
PRACTICE:
COMPARISON OF THREE ITALIAN
HOSPITALS*

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BACKGROUND



*THE STUDY OF CONTEXT AND THE ANALYSIS OF OBSTACLES
AGAINST EBP DEVELOPMENT ARE PRECONDITIONS
FOR EBP*



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*“ Will Evidence-Based
Nursing Practice
Make Practice
Perfect?”*

C.A Estabrooks - 1998

AIM OF THE STUDY

Compare the sources of knowledge for nursing clinical practice within three hospitals in Northern Italy with different Evidence-Based Nursing/Evidence-Based Practice (EBN/EBP) background

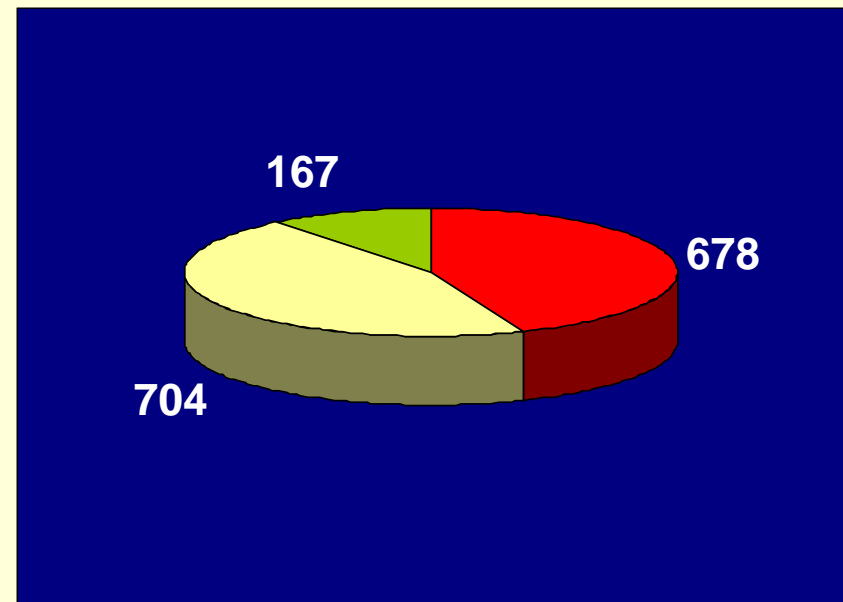


METHOD

Cross sectional survey

We sent 2642 questionnaires to nurses who care for patients within the following hospitals :

- Policlinico S. Orsola-Malpighi in Bologna***
- Arcispedale S. Anna in Ferrara***
- Treviso Hospital***

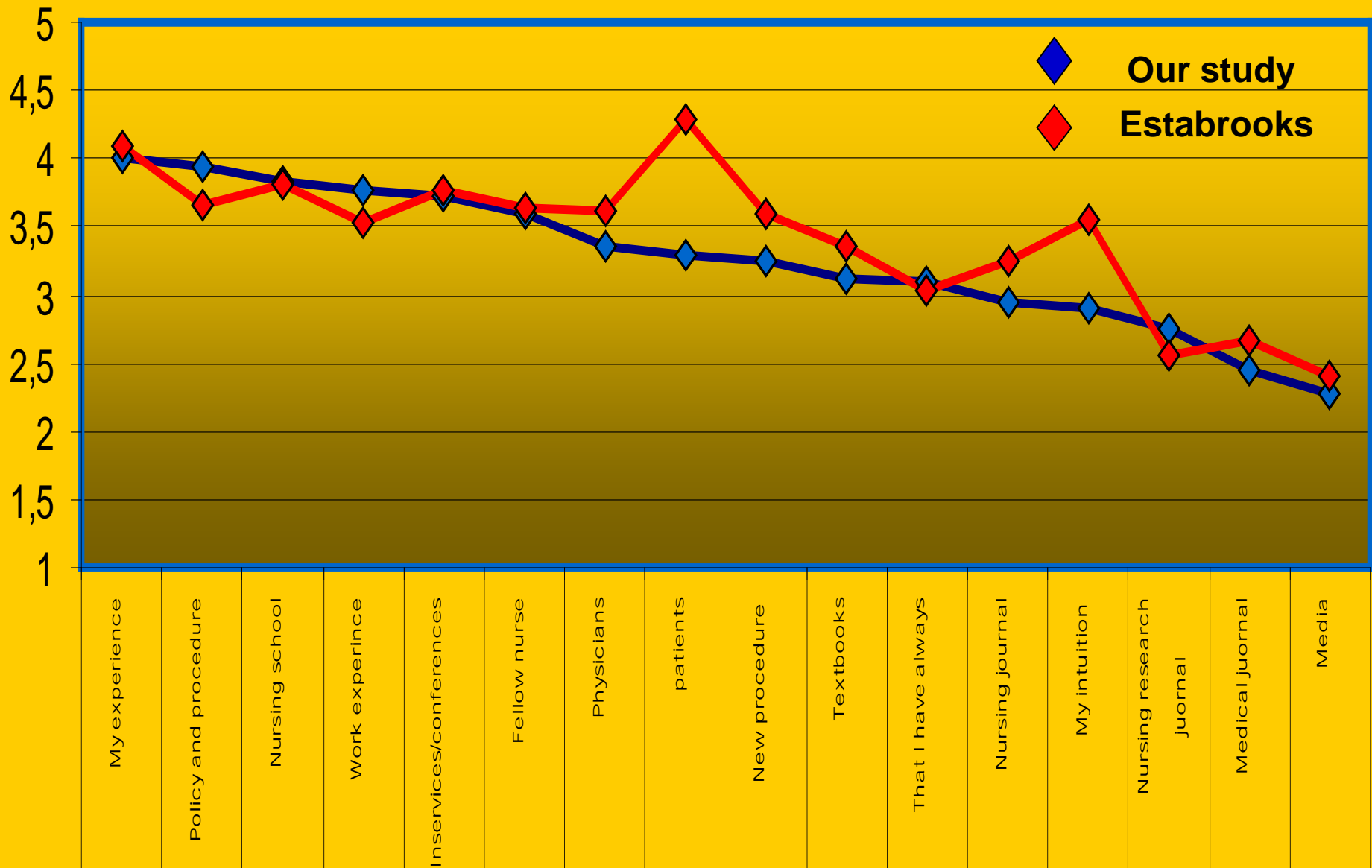


Questionnaires received: 1549 (58.5%)

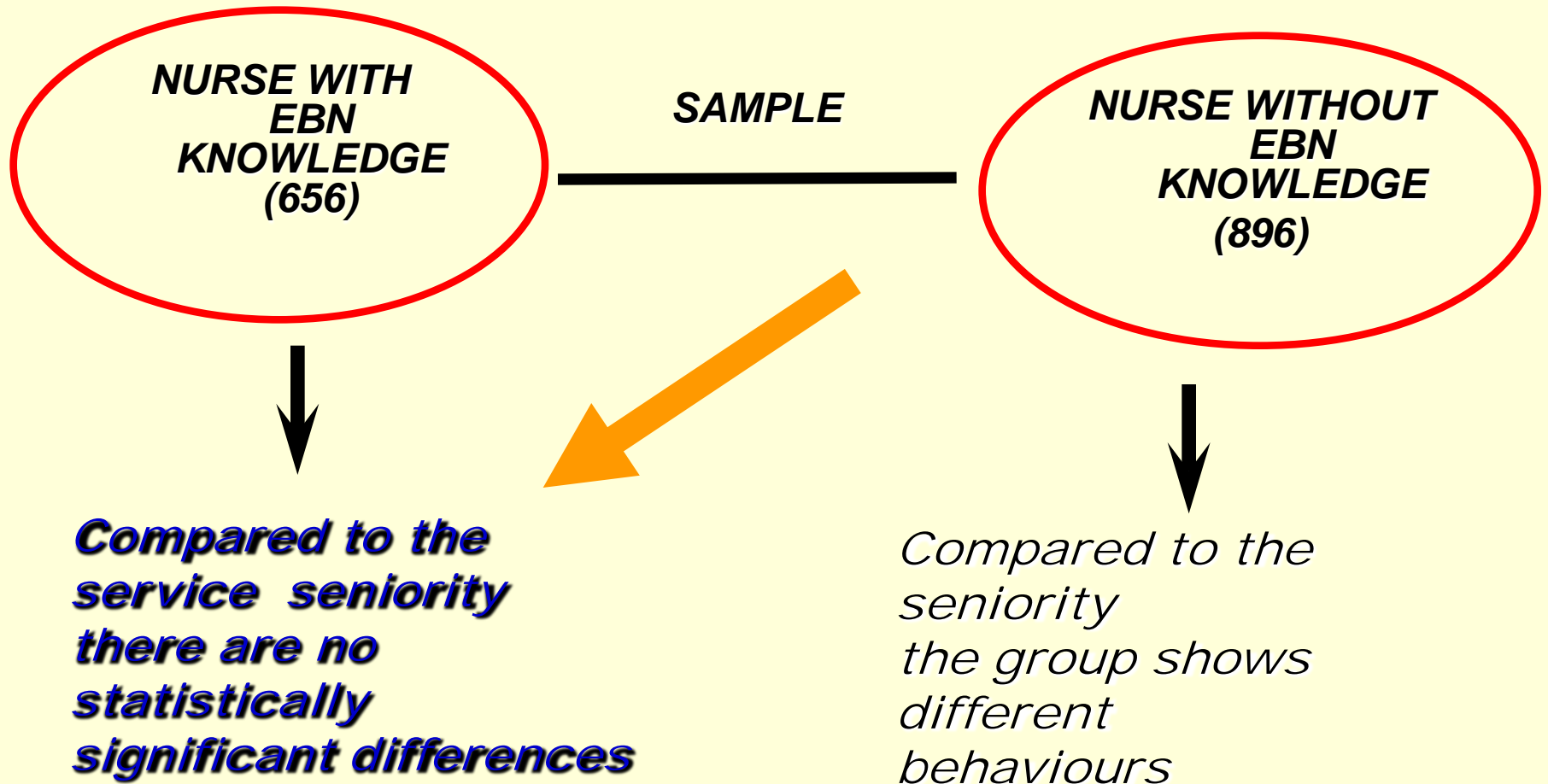
The following questions relate to the kind of knowledge you use in your nursing practice

The knowledge that I use in my practice is based on....	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Frequently	Always
Informations that I learn about each patient/clients	1	2	3	4	5
My intuitions about what seems to be “right” for the patient/client	1	2	3	4	5
My personal experience of nursing patients over time	1	2	3	4	5
Information I learned in nursing school	1	2	3	4	5
What physicians discuss with me	1	2	3	4	5
New therapies and medications that I learned about after physicians order them for patients	1	2	3	4	5
Articles published in medical journal	1	2	3	4	5
Articles published in nursing journal	1	2	3	4	5
Articles published in nursing research journal	1	2	3	4	5
Informations in textbooks	1	2	3	4	5
What has worked for me for years	1	2	3	4	5
The ways that I have always done it	1	2	3	4	5
The information my fellow nurses share	1	2	3	4	5
Information I get from attending inservices/conferences	1	2	3	4	5
Information I get from policy and procedure manuals	1	2	3	4	5
Information I get from the media (e. g., popular magazines, television, the internet, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

RESULTS



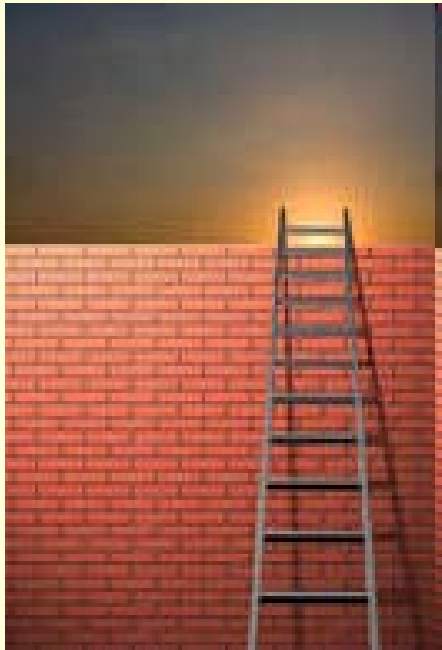
FINDINGS



LIMITATIONS

*Within the Azienda Ospedaliero
Universitaria di Bologna,
questionnaires have only been
given to EBN-trained personnel*

CONCLUSION



Research use is quite uncommon for Italian nurses. EBP courses overcome differences of clinical experience regarding knowledge source use in nurses clinical practice. Further studies will tell us if EBP training really increases quality of decision making.



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Thank you for your attention