

Validity and Reliability of the Korean Version of the Families' Importance in Nursing Care-Pediatric Nurses' Attitudes Instrument

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Purpose: This study aimed to test the validity and reliability of the Korean version of the Families' Importance in Nursing Care-Nurses' Attitudes (FINC-NA) instrument developed by Saveman et al. **Methods:** The 222 pediatric nurses' data were collected from 13 hospitals in South Korea and were analyzed using descriptive statistics, exploratory factor analysis, the Pearson correlation coefficient, and the Cronbach's α in SPSS software. The AMOS program was used to conduct confirmatory factor analysis of construct validity. **Results:** Of the 26 initial items, 24 were ultimately selected after evaluating content validity, construct validity, and reliability. The following 6 factors were included in the Korean version of the Families' Importance in Nursing Care-Pediatric Nurses' Attitudes (KFINC-PNA): family as a 'conversational partner', 'participant in care', 'supporter for the nurse', 'burden', 'recipient of empowerment', and 'its own resource'. **Conclusion:** The KFINC-PNA was partially modified to explain differences in language and culture, but its validity and reliability were verified. Pediatric nurses' attitudes can be assessed using the KFINC-PNA, and adjustments to the care of hospitalized children and their families can be made based on these items. We recommend developing and verifying intervention methods that will improve family-centered care for hospitalized children and their families.

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INTRODUCTION

Family-centered care (FCC) is respectful and inclusive of the patient's family in healthcare decision-making and can be applied in clinical settings regardless of the patient's age or severity of illness [1]. FCC emphasizes the mutually beneficial partnership between healthcare providers, including nurses, and the patient and his or her family, and its main concepts are respecting and honoring families, sharing information, encouraging participation and cooperation, and supporting families [1-3]. Extensive research has reported that FCC brings positive results to patients and their families and increases their satisfaction level, while also decreasing medical expenses, which contributes to the effective utilization of medical resources [4]. Therefore, the practice of nursing needs to seek methods to support the better implementation of FCC.

FCC is especially emphasized in the practice of pediatric nursing, and the Association for the Care of Children's Health has declared FCC to be its major philosophy in pediatric nursing [5], while the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) also

considers FCC as a main issue in pediatric health management [6]. In other words, FCC strengthens the role of the patient's family in the care process provided by pediatric nurses, and the philosophy of FCC that care providers should assist families in making the best decisions is becoming global [2,4-6].

The patient's parents and family members play very important roles in caring for their hospitalized child in pediatric nursing practice in Korea [7,8]. In the clinical field of caring for children, the pediatric patient's family members are joint recipients of care, while at the same time they are not passive recipients or representative of the patient; rather, they are companions who express the preferences and expectations of the pediatric patient [9]. FCC acknowledges the importance of family, respects the unique features and values of the family, and shares information with them for better decision-making, while sharing responsibility for the results [10]. Pediatric nurses, therefore, must have appropriate attitudes that recognize the importance of considering the child's family as care recipients along with the hospitalized child [9,10]. A recent study by Bae and Lee [11] on pediatric nursing also found that the partnership between the hospitalized children's parents and nurses had a significant influence on the quality of pediatric nursing. Meanwhile, research by Kim and Cho [7] suggested that the mothers of the hospitalized children wished to be respected by the nurses, to participate in the nursing of their children, and to receive enough information to work together with nurses, but felt that they were not respected by the pediatric nurses or did not receive enough information. Many researchers are taking notice of the importance of FCC in pediatric nursing, and families also want to participate in children's nursing; however, South Korea's FCC practices in pediatric nursing currently do not meet such demands.

In order to put FCC into practice, it is very important for the nurses to recognize the importance of family and to have a supportive attitude towards families [12]. In fact, according to research by Coyne et al. [13], nurses' lack of a philosophical background on FCC and negative attitudes towards families were the greatest obstacles in performing high-quality FCC. As such, the attitudes of practicing nurses are important, and for more active utilization of FCC in the pediatric nursing field, the first step is for the attitudes of pediatric nurses when dealing with patients' families to be assessed and improved.

In other countries, applied intervention studies of FCC on a wide range of subjects, not restricted to children, are being actively conducted [14]. Korean scholars have recently started to pay attention to FCC and have conducted descriptive studies, such as a concept analysis on hospitalized children's FCC [3], a concept analysis on parent participation in the care of hospitalized children [8], and an integrative review of family-centered rounds in care for hospitalized children [10].

Methodological research to develop tools based on FCC theory has been conducted, including the development and testing of the Pediatric Nurse Parent Partnership Scale (PNPPS) [15] and the development of an instrument to measure the quality of care through patients' eyes for hospitalized children [16]. However, no research has been done on nurses' attitudes on the importance of family, which is a prerequisite for FCC to be practiced.

This study, therefore, analyzed a translation of the Families' Importance in Nursing Care-Nurses' Attitudes (FINC-NA) instrument [17], which was developed to measure the attitudes of nurses regarding the importance of families, in order to validate whether the tool is compatible with the conditions of Korea. The FINC-NA instrument measures nurses' attitudes that consider family as a resource that provides nursing care to patients and support communication with the family as an equivalent party, which means not considering the existence of the patient's family itself to be a burden [12]. The FINC-NA tool was developed to measure Swedish nurses' attitudes on the importance of families in nursing. It was then revised/modified and retested for validity and reliability in 2011 by Saveman et al. [17]. When conducting research on tool development, a rational basis for the tool's use must be proposed. As a result, various verifications of its validity are needed, and when bringing a tool developed in a foreign culture into a Korea-specific context for use, social/cultural differences need to be considered and the instrument must go through a more detailed validation process [18]. The authors of this study, therefore, translated the FINC-NA instrument [17] into Korean and modified it to be compatible with the conditions of Korea. We developed the Korean version of the Families' Importance in Nursing Care-Pediatric Nurses' Attitudes (KFINC-PNA) and tested its validity and reliability.

1. Objectives

The purpose of this study was to test the validity and reliability of the KFINC-PNA measurement instrument.

METHODS

1. Research Design

This is a methodological study that translated the FINC-NA instrument [17] developed by Saveman et al. into Korean, adapted it to be compatible with the conditions of Korea in order to provide a measurement tool for pediatric nurses' attitudes on the importance of families, and tested its validity and reliability.

2. Research Subjects

The research subjects of this study were pediatric nurses at university hospitals, general hospitals, and children's hospitals. Nurses working in neonatal units, neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units, and comprehensive nursing care wards were excluded from this study. In order to conduct a reliable instrument analysis, the sample number should be 5~10 times more than the number of items, and when the number of items is 40 or less, the sample number should be 200 [19]. With this guideline in mind, this study set the sample number at 200 subjects. Anticipating a 10% drop-out rate, surveys were distributed to 222 subjects. Sampling was conducted by regions: 40% of the subjects resided in Seoul/Gyeonggi Province, 35% in Gyeongsang Province and Gangwon Province, and 25% in Jeolla Province and Chungcheong Province. Sampling from Jeju Island was not performed due to difficulties in recruitment. All 222 surveys were used in the final analysis since all data were collected without any dropout or incomplete responses.

3. Research Instrument

1) The FINC-NA

The FINC-NA is an instrument that measures nurses' attitudes on the importance of family in nursing using 26 items. It was re-tested and modified by Saveman et al. [17], and before using this tool in this study, the authors of this study received approval from the developers for the translation and use of the tool. The developers recommended using the 2011 revision for this study. The FINC-NA consists of 4 factor dimensions and a total of 26 items. The items are distributed among the factor dimensions as follows: family as a resource in nursing care, 10 items; family as a conversational partner, 8 items, family as a burden, 4 items; and family as its own resource, 4 items. When the evaluation was developed in 2008, each item was on a 4-point scale [12] but the revision changed to a 5-point scale, measuring responses as "totally disagree (1 point)", "disagree (2 point)", "neither agree or disagree (3 point)", "agree (4 point)", and "totally agree (5 point)". Higher scores indicate more supportive attitudes towards families. The instrument satisfied content validity at the time of development. The Cronbach's α for reliability of all items was .92, while the Cronbach's α for the reliability of the factor dimensions ranged from .73 to .87. The revision showed greater reliability than the original instrument [17].

2) Partnership between pediatric nurses and the parents of child patients

The PNPPS, an instrument that measures the partnership

between pediatric nurses and the parents of child patients [15], was used to assess the validity of the KFINC-PNA measurement tool, since partnership is a major concept of FCC and shares similarities with pediatric nurses' attitudes on importance of families. The developers approved its use before the authors used it in this study. The PNPPS has 7 factor dimensions with a total of 34 items: 9 items on reciprocity, 7 items on professional knowledge and skill, 6 items on sensitivity, 3 items on collaboration, 4 items on communication, 3 items on shared information, and 2 items on cautiousness. Each item was measured on a 5-point Likert scale with responses of "strongly disagree (1 point)", "disagree (2 point)", "neither agree or disagree (3 point)", "agree (4 point)", and "strongly agree (5 point)". Higher scores indicate a more positive partnership between nurses and the parents of child patients. The Cronbach's α for the reliability of all items was .92 when the tool was developed [15], and was .91 in this study.

4. Research Procedure

1) Translation and adaptation of instruments

Following the guidelines provided by World Health Organization (WHO) on the process of translation and adaptation of instruments [20], we conducted a forward translation, held expert panels, and then performed a back translation. The adaptation of the instrument followed the process of qualification of content validity, pilot test, and finalization of the instrument. Prior to beginning the primary translation draft, the authors received approval to translate and to use the instrument from the developers.

(1) Instrument translation

During the first stage of translation, in which the primary translation draft was developed, 3 pediatric nursing professors who were familiar with the terms used in the instrument and fluent in Korean and English each translated the instrument separately. Literal translations were avoided, and the translations aimed to balance the goals of not distorting the original meaning and ensuring that Korean nurses could clearly understand the questions. During the second stage, the 3 pediatric nursing professors and a bilingual English translator formed an expert panel and compared the 3 translations to the original instrument, analyzed expressions that showed cultural differences or discordances, and combined them into a single translated version. During the third stage, the translation was sent to a professional translation agency for a back translation. After the back translation was finished, a native English-speaking professor reviewed the original and translated versions to find differences in content. The content comparison results came back as matching, and no questions were

modified at this stage.

(2) Content validity

Following the recommendation that content validity should be determined by 3~10 experts, and that when the same experts is determining the qualification, at least 10~14 days should be given [21], the content validity was determined twice with a team of 3 pediatric nursing professors, 1 doctoral candidate in pediatric nursing, and 3 head nurses from the pediatric ward who were practicing professionals. The first content qualification was conducted on October 16~28, 2017 and the second content qualification for the modified questions was conducted 10 days later on November 1~5, 2017. The content validity index (CVI) measured the degree to which each item was related to pediatric nurses' attitudes on the importance of families on a 4-point Likert scale with the following responses: "not related at all (1 point)", "not related and revision is needed (2 points)", "related but revision is somewhat needed (3 points)", and "very related and concise (4 points)". Opinions on the content of questions that needed to be revised were also collected. The rate of 3- and 4-point responses to each question was calculated as the CVI, and questions with a CVI of .80 or higher were preselected [21].

(3) Pilot test

Based on the recommendation that the pilot test should consist of a minimum of 10 persons [19], the pilot test was conducted among 28 nurses from the pediatric ward from November 22~30, 2017. The reverse items, number of items, and item layout were the same as the original instrument. Participants were asked to respond to the questions on the Korean version of the instrument and to provide information about their general characteristics. Next, the time it took them to respond, the level of question comprehension, and the appropriateness of the composition of the survey (font size, survey placement, length of questions) were evaluated on a 5-point scale. Interviews were conducted after the survey to learn whether any questions were difficult to understand or unclear, and a cognitive assessment process was applied before finalizing the instrument.

2) Data collection

In order to protect the study subjects and to follow the principles of research ethics, this study was approved by the Inje University Institutional Review Board (IRB No. 2017-10-018-001) prior to conducting research. Data were collected in December 2017, and before investigating, the research objectives and methods were explained to the director of the nursing department of the hospitals, whose cooperation with data collection was requested. The researchers then visited the wards and

personally distributed the surveys, and collected them immediately as they were completed. Convenience sampling was used, resulting in the inclusion of 4 university hospitals and 1 general hospital from Seoul and Gyeonggi Province, as well as 4 university hospitals and 1 general hospital from Gyeongsang Province and Gangwon Province and 1 university hospital, 1 general hospital, and 1 children's hospital from Jeolla Province and Chungcheong Province. Prior to conducting surveys, information regarding the research background; objectives; participation period, process, and method; benefits and risks of participation, information related to the protection of personal information; compensation for any loss due to research participation; information related to providing personal information; and information regarding withdrawal from participation were explained verbally, along with a hard copy of an information sheet. Nurses who voluntarily agreed to participate in the study signed the agreement form and individually filled out the survey forms. When the participants completed the survey, a small gift was provided to thank them for their time and effort. The survey data were anonymously coded and encrypted and saved on a Universal Serial Bus (USB) drive. The USB drive, collected agreement forms, and survey forms were sealed and kept in a locked cabinet in the researcher's office.

3) Validity test

(1) Construct validity

In order to test construct validity, exploratory factor analysis and confirmatory factor analysis were conducted. Exploratory factor analysis is a method used to identify validity by reviewing the relationships between the instrument's measurement concept, the characteristics of each item, and the factors [19]. This study then used confirmatory factor analysis to assess the compatibility of the developed instrument by testing the model fit, convergent validity, and discriminant validity.

(2) Criterion-related validity

Criterion-related validity is a method that tests validity by analyzing the correlation between a 'gold-standard' instrument, the validity and reliability of which has already been confirmed, and the newly developed instrument under study [19]. This study used the PNPPS as the criterion instrument for KFINC-PNA to test criterion-related validity because they share the same philosophical background and the PNPPS is an instrument for measuring partnership between pediatric nurses and the parents of child patients [15].

4) Reliability test

Reliability was tested through internal consistency. The Cronbach's α for the items in each factor and for all items as a

whole was analyzed. The larger the sample number, the higher the reliability. Therefore, in order to prevent errors in which the wrong test results are considered to indicate high reliability of an instrument, 111 samples were randomly selected and split-half reliability of the random sample was analyzed to determine the Cronbach's α [19].

5. Data Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics 24 and IBM SPSS AMOS 24.

- (1) The subjects' general characteristics were expressed as real numbers, means, standard deviations, and percentages.
- (2) In order to test content validity, the item CVI (I-CVI) and the instrument's scale CVI (S-CVI) were measured. The S-CVI used the S-CVI/universal agreement (S-CVI/UA) technique, which calculates the S-CVI/average (S-CVI/Ave), which is the average of each I-CVI, and the rate of I-CVI for which all expert responded with 3 or 4 points [22].
- (3) Exploratory factor analysis was conducted after the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) measure and the Bartlett test of sphericity identified that the collected data were compatible with exploratory factor analysis. Data compatibility is considered excellent if the KMO measure is greater than .90, good if the KMO measure is greater than .80, moderate if the KMO measure is greater than .70, average if the KMO measure is greater than .60, poor if the KMO measure is greater than .50, and unacceptable if the KMO measure is less than .50. This study followed the standard that suggests that if the Bartlett sphericity test yields $p < .05$, it is compatible for factor analysis [23,24]. Since principal component analysis, one of the factor extraction methods, and the orthogonal rotation method, which induces a relatively independent factor to identify the structure, are appropriate for evaluating content validity [24], factor analysis was conducted using principal component analysis from Varimax orthogonal rotation.
- (4) The compatibility of the model for confirmatory factor analysis was evaluated using the absolute fit index chi-square (χ^2); the standardized chi-square (χ^2/df); goodness of fit index (GFI); the adjusted GFI (AGFI); the comparative fit index (CFI), which is an incremental fit index; the normed fit index (NFI); the Tucker-Lewis index (TLI); and the root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA), which is a parsimonious fit index.
- (5) Convergent validity was analyzed by construct reliability (CR) and average variance extracted (AVE).

- (6) Discriminant validity was analyzed by the square root of AVE and the Pearson correlation coefficient.
- (7) Criterion-related validity was analyzed with the Pearson correlation coefficient.
- (8) Item analysis used the mean and standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, the item-total correlation (ITC), the Cronbach's α when an item was deleted, and the mean and standard deviation for each item.
- (9) For the reliability test, the Cronbach's α was used for internal consistency, as well as the random sample split-half reliability.

RESULTS

1. Content Validity Test

The results of the first expert content validity test performed showed that the CVI for the 26 preliminary items was .71~1.00, the S-CVI/Ave was .92, and the S-CVI/UA was .58. No items were deleted based on the CVI results, but taking the experts' opinions into account, the wording of some of the 26 items was revised. The second expert content validity test showed that the CVI of the 26 items ranged between .71 and 1.00, the instrument's CVI was S-CVI/Ave .96, and the S-CVI/UA was .77 (Table 1). No items were deleted based on the CVI results, while the wording of 2 items was revised.

2. Pilot Test

The results from the Pilot test that was conducted on 28 nurses from the pediatric ward showed that the average time it took to take the survey was 1.93 ± 0.82 minutes. The overall question comprehension level was 4.21 ± 0.79 points out of 5 points, while the appropriateness of font size was rated as 4.00 ± 0.82 , the survey layout was rated as 4.07 ± 0.77 , and the length of the questions was rated as 4.11 ± 0.79 points. The cognitive assessment interviews suggested that no items were difficult to understand or unclear.

3. Subjects' General Characteristics

The study subjects' average age was 29.38 ± 7.38 years and their total work experience was 81.51 ± 88.46 months, while their work experience in the pediatric ward was 46.20 ± 53.08 months. Of the subjects, 5.4% were head nurses, 12.2% were charge nurses, 82.0% were nurses, and 0.5% were nurse practitioners. Furthermore, 72.5% were single and 19.5% had children. In terms of education level, 24.3% had graduated from technical colleges, 69.4% had completed 4 years of college, and 5.9% had graduated from graduate school. In terms of re-

Table 1. Content Validity

(N=7)

No.	Item	First I-CVI	Second I-CVI
1	A good relationship with family members gives me job satisfaction.	1.00	1.00
2	Family members should be invited to actively take part in the patient's nursing care.	1.00	1.00
3	The presence of family members is important to me as a nurse.	0.86	1.00
4	The presence of family members gives me a feeling of security.	1.00	1.00
5	The presence of family members eases my workload.	0.86	1.00
6	Family members should be invited to actively take part in planning patient care.	0.86	1.00
7	The presence of family members is important for the family members themselves.	1.00	1.00
8	Getting involved with families gives me a feeling of being useful.	0.71	1.00
9	I gain a lot of worthwhile knowledge from families which I can use in my work.	1.00	1.00
10	It is important to spend time with families.	0.86	0.71
11	It is important to find out what family members a patient has.	1.00	0.86
12	I ask family members to take part in discussions from the very first contact, when a patient comes into my care.	1.00	1.00
13	Discussion with family members during first care contact saves time in my future work.	1.00	1.00
14	I always find out what family members a patient has.	0.86	1.00
15	I invite family members to have a conversation at the end of the care period.	0.71	1.00
16	I invite family members to actively take part in the patient's care.	1.00	1.00
17	I invite family members to speak about changes in the patient's condition.	1.00	1.00
18	I invite family members to speak when planning care.	0.86	1.00
19	The presence of family members holds me back in my work.	0.86	0.86
20	I do not have time to take care of families.	0.71	0.86
21	The presence of family members makes me feel that they are checking up on me.	0.71	1.00
22	The presence of family members makes me feel stressed.	1.00	1.00
23	I ask families how I can support them.	1.00	0.86
24	I encourage families to use their own resources so that they have the optimal possibilities to cope with situations by themselves.	1.00	0.86
25	I consider family members as cooperating partners.	1.00	1.00
26	I see myself as a resource for families so that they can cope as well as possible with their situation.	1.00	1.00
	S-CVI/Ave	0.92	0.96
	S-CVI/UA	0.58	0.77

CVI=Content validity index; I-CVI=Item-content validity index; S-CVI/Ave=Average of item-content validity index; S-CVI/UA=Scale-content validity index/universal agreement.

ligious affiliation, 56.8% had no religion, 19.8% were Protestants, 12.2% were Catholics, 8.1% were Buddhists, and 3.2% were Won Buddhists.

4. Construct Validity Test

The process of testing construct validity is described in

Figure 1. In order to identify compatibility with the 4 factors of the FINC-NA, confirmatory factor analysis and exploratory factor analysis were conducted. The model fit was low and the item structures that constituted the 4 factors were different from those of the original instrument. Therefore, exploratory factor analysis was conducted to investigate the structure of the KFINC-PNA. The results of the exploratory factor analysis

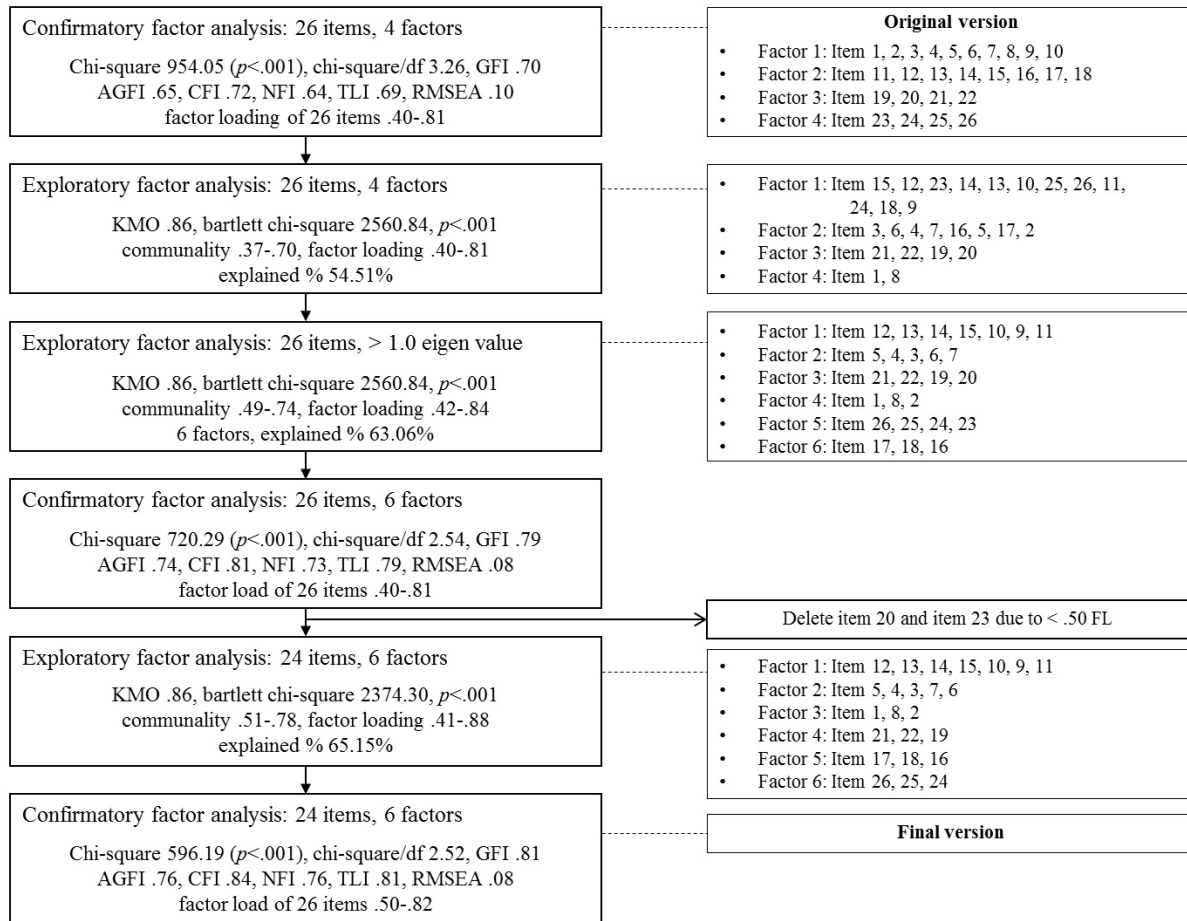


Figure 1. Flowchart of factor analysis.

conducted on the 26 items showed that KMO was .86, and the Bartlett sphericity test yielded $\chi^2=2560.84$ ($df=325, p < .001$). Factor analysis was conducted since the data were considered to be compatible for factor analysis [23,24] if the KMO measure was higher than .60 and the Bartlett’s sphericity test p-value was lower than .05. The commonality between the 26 items was .49~.74. Since all values were greater than .40, no items were deleted [25]. The factor loading (FL) was .42~.84, which satisfied the standard of being .30 or higher and not close to 1.0 [24]. Six factors were extracted and the explanatory power was 63.06%. The confirmatory factor analysis showed that the model fit was $\chi^2=720.29$ ($p < .001$), $\chi^2/df=2.54$, GFI=.79, AGFI=.74, CFI=.81, NFI=.73, TLI=.79, and RMSEA=.08. The standardized FL showed that the FL of item 20 was .40 and the FL of item 23 was .49, which did not satisfy the standard according to which FL should be .50 or greater [26]; therefore, items 20 and 23 were deleted.

The exploratory factor analysis results for 24 items showed that they met the standards, with KMO measures of .86, a Bartlett sphericity test result of $\chi^2=2374.30$ ($df=276, p < .001$),

commonality of .51~.78, and FL of .41~.88. Six factors were extracted and the cumulative explanatory power increased to 65.15%. Factor 1 was designated as “family as conversation partner”. This factor contained 7 items and had an explained variance of 3.64 and explanatory power of 15.15%. Factor 2 was “family as a participant in care”, and consisted of 5 items, had an explained variance of 3.13, and had an explanatory power of 13.03%. Factor 3, which was made up of 3 items, was “family as a supporter for the nurse”, and showed an explained variance of 2.34 and an explanatory power of 9.75%. Factor 4 was “family as a burden” and had 3 items. The explained variance was 2.25 and the explanatory power was 9.37%. Factor 5, which contained 3 items, was “family as a recipient of empowerment”. The explained variance was 2.19 and the explanatory power was 9.13%. Lastly, factor 6, with 3 items, was “family as its own resource”. The explained variance was 2.10 and the explanatory power was 8.75% (Table 2). The confirmatory factor analysis results showed that the model fit was $\chi^2=596.19$ ($p < .001$), $\chi^2/df=2.52$, GFI=.81, AGFI=.76, CFI=.84, NFI=.76, TLI=.81, and RMSEA=.08, and the FL was

Table 2. Factor Analysis of the KFINC-PNA

(N=222)

Item No.	Exploratory factor analysis						Confirmatory factor analysis							
	Comm.	Factor structure						Estimate	SE	FL	CR	p	CR	AVE
		1	2	3	4	5	6							
Item 12	.67	.79	.04	.01	-.10	.16	.09	1.00	-	.69	-	-	.99	.92
Item 13	.69	.74	.35	.04	-.00	.03	.13	0.98	.11	.70	9.34	< .001		
Item 14	.62	.71	-.02	.19	-.00	.23	.17	0.97	.10	.73	9.68	< .001		
Item 15	.61	.69	-.16	-.15	-.15	.13	.21	0.75	.10	.54	7.28	< .001		
Item 10	.68	.61	.10	.48	-.11	.01	.24	0.99	.10	.73	9.73	< .001		
Item 9	.51	.52	.32	.36	.05	-.03	.04	0.72	.09	.56	7.61	< .001		
Item 11	.56	.51	.20	.44	-.08	.21	.15	0.89	.10	.70	9.28	< .001		
Item 5	.70	.24	.73	-.17	-.04	-.05	.28	1.00	-	.50	-	-	.98	.93
Item 4	.61	.16	.70	.24	.09	.17	.04	1.05	.16	.70	6.72	< .001		
Item 3	.62	-.15	.67	.20	.20	.26	-.02	0.91	.14	.65	6.50	< .001		
Item 7	.61	-.04	.61	.40	.08	.28	.06	0.94	.14	.72	6.82	< .001		
Item 6	.58	.19	.60	.14	.08	.30	.27	0.93	.14	.72	6.81	< .001		
Item 1	.72	-.01	.29	.76	.10	.09	.21	1.00	-	.75	-	-	.97	.93
Item 8	.61	.22	.05	.71	.05	.16	.16	0.92	.12	.61	7.73	< .001		
Item 2	.54	.03	.43	.41	.12	.40	-.06	0.85	.11	.64	8.03	< .001		
Item 21	.77	-.05	.01	.02	.88	.06	.00	1.00	-	.82	-	-	.97	.91
Item 22	.76	-.03	.05	.12	.86	.09	.00	0.96	.10	.80	9.74	< .001		
Item 19	.62	-.13	.19	-.02	.74	-.02	.11	0.74	.09	.63	8.60	< .001		
Item 17	.75	.06	.26	.16	.15	.77	.17	1.00	-	.75	-	-	.98	.95
Item 18	.62	.36	.09	.17	.01	.65	.14	1.02	.12	.64	8.66	< .001		
Item 16	.68	.28	.38	.00	-.02	.64	.23	1.16	.11	.76	10.04	< .001		
Item 26	.78	.21	-.00	.30	-.01	.12	.80	1.00	-	.74	-	-	.98	.95
Item 25	.72	.29	.22	.09	.17	.09	.74	1.11	.11	.77	9.83	< .001		
Item 24	.63	.19	.24	.12	-.00	.35	.63	0.92	.10	.69	9.02	< .001		
Explained variance	3.64	3.13	2.34	2.25	2.19	2.10		Model		$\chi^2=596.19, p < .001, \chi^2/df=2.52,$				
Explained (%)	15.15	13.03	9.75	9.37	9.13	8.75		fitness		GFI=.81, AGFI=.76, CFI=.84,				
Cummulative (%)	15.15	28.17	37.92	47.28	56.41	65.15				NFI=.76, TLI=.81, RMSEA=.08				

KFINC-PNA=Korean version of the families' importance in nursing care-pediatric nurses' attitude; Comm.=Communalities; SE=Standardized estimates; FL=Standardized factor loading; CR=Construct reliability; AVE=Average variance extracted; GFI=Goodness of fit index; AGFI=Adjusted goodness of fit index; CFI=Comparative fit index; NFI=Normed fit index; TLI=Tucker-Lewis index; RMSEA=Root mean square error of approximation.

.50~.82 (Table 2).

Convergent validity was analyzed by CR, which was .97~.99, and AVE, which was .91~.95, meeting the standard of a CR of .70 or higher and an AVE of .50 or higher [26] (Table 2). The discriminant validity results showed that the square root of AVE was .95~.98 and the correlation coefficient for each factor was .11~.56, satisfying the standard that the square root of AVE should be greater than the correlation coefficient for each factor [26] (Table 3).

5. Criterion-Related Validity

The criterion-related validity was tested by analyzing the correlation between the KFINC-PNA score developed in this study and PNPPS scores. The KFINC-PNA and the PNPPS showed a significant static correlation ($r=.59, p < .001$). The

correlation coefficients for each factor ranged from .24 to .56, and all showed a significant static correlation (Table 3).

6. Item Analysis

An analysis of the 24 items of the KFINC-PNA revealed that the mean of the items was 2.76~4.16 and the standard deviation was 0.63~0.97, showing no extreme values. Skewness was -0.69 to 0.13 and kurtosis was -0.61 to 1.17, showing no particular skewness towards one side or the other. The ITC was .16~.62 and the Cronbach's α was .87~.89 when items were deleted (Table 4).

7. Reliability Test

The Cronbach's α of the KFINC-PNA was .88 and each fac-

Table 3. Correlation Matrix among Factors of KFINC-PNA and Pediatric Nurse Parent Partnership (N=222)

Variables	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5	Factor 6	KFINC-PNA
	r (p)	r (p)	r (p)	r (p)	r (p)	r (p)	r (p)
Factor 1: Family as a conversational partner	.96*						
Factor 2: Family as a participant in care	.37 ($< .001$)	.96*					
Factor 3: Family as a supporter for the nurse	.39 ($< .001$)	.53 ($< .001$)	.96*				
Factor 4: Family as a burden	.11 (.114)	.21 (.002)	.19 (.005)	.95*			
Factor 5: Family as a recipient of empowerment	.51 ($< .001$)	.56 ($< .001$)	.48 ($< .001$)	.12 (.086)	.97*		
Factor 6: Family as its own resource	.54 ($< .001$)	.44 ($< .001$)	.42 ($< .001$)	.11 (.112)	.52 ($< .001$)	.98*	
PNPPS	.36 ($< .001$)	.41 ($< .001$)	.47 ($< .001$)	.24 ($< .001$)	.56 ($< .001$)	.44 ($< .001$)	.59 ($< .001$)

*Square root average variance extracted (AVE); KFINC-PNA=Korean version of the families' importance in nursing care-pediatric nurses' attitude; PNPPS=Pediatric nurse parent partnership scale.

tor's Cronbach's α ranged from .69 to .85. Testing the reliability of 111 random samples showed that the Cronbach's α was .88 for all factors and .64-.86 for each factor (Table 4).

8. Final Instrument

24 items were included in the final instrument with 6 sub-factors. The factors were designated as follows: family as a conversational partner (7 items), family as a participant in care (5 items), family as a supporter for the nurse (3 items), family as a burden (3 items), family as a recipient of empowerment (3 items), and family as its own resource (3 items). Each item was measured on a 5 point Likert scale of "strongly disagree (1 point)", "disagree (2 point)", "neither agree or disagree (3 point)", "agree (4 point)", and "strongly agree (5 point)". Higher scores indicated that the nurses' attitudes towards families were more positive. It took approximately 2 minutes to respond to this instrument.

DISCUSSION

In order to validate an instrument, it is important to suggest various logical analyses to provide a rational basis for its use. It is especially important to carry out the successive stages of testing the validity and reliability of translated instruments [18]. This study, therefore, selected subjects based on clinical circumstances in Korea and faithfully followed various rational processes to test the validity and reliability of the

KFINC-PNA, which was revised/modified to be compatible with circumstances in Korea. This study is significant in that it provided a basis for the use of KFINC-PNA as a suitable instrument to measure pediatric nurses' attitudes on the importance of families, which is a predisposing factor for practicing FCC.

When cultural differences should be considered when using instruments, studies have suggested that evidence of content validity should be provided [17]; therefore, starting from the translation stage, this study faithfully followed the WHO guidelines on the process of translation and adaptation of instruments [20]. Furthermore, 7 experts tested the content validity twice, and the content of the items and the comprehensiveness were tested through a pilot test targeting pediatric ward nurses. Through this process, the KFINC-PNA measurement instrument was finalized, and based on our results, it can be considered an appropriate instrument for measuring pediatric nurses' attitudes on the importance of family in the practice of pediatric nursing in Korea.

This research conducted exploratory factor analysis, confirmatory factor analysis, convergent validity testing, and criterion-related validity testing in order to present multiple pieces of evidence for the construct validity of the instrument. Primarily, the confirmatory factor analysis and exploratory factor analysis of the data were conducted to determine whether the 26 items and the sub-factors of the FINC-NA were compatible with the pediatric nursing field in Korea. After conducting exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis to

Table 4. Item Analysis and Reliability of the KFINC-PNA

(N=222)

Item No.	M±SD	SE	Skewness	Kurtosis	ITC	α if item deleted	Cronbach's α	
							(n=222)	(n=111)
KFINC-PNA	86.18±9.61						.88	.88
Family as a conversational partner	23.09±4.13						.85	.86
Item 12	3.04±0.87	.06	0.13	-0.44	.43	.88		
Item 13	3.18±0.84	.06	-0.07	-0.40	.56	.87		
Item 14	3.27±0.80	.05	-0.38	0.02	.52	.87		
Item 15	2.76±0.85	.06	0.03	-0.22	.25	.88		
Item 10	3.48±0.82	.06	-0.33	0.22	.55	.87		
Item 9	3.71±0.77	.05	-0.47	0.64	.52	.87		
Item 11	3.64±0.77	.05	-0.37	0.50	.58	.87		
Family as a participant in care	19.25±2.70						.78	.73
Item 5	3.23±0.97	.07	-0.10	-0.49	.42	.88		
Item 4	3.84±0.73	.05	-0.23	-0.17	.56	.87		
Item 3	4.16±0.68	.05	-0.38	-0.13	.42	.88		
Item 7	4.14±0.64	.04	-0.23	-0.15	.52	.88		
Item 6	3.88±0.63	.04	-0.01	-0.27	.62	.87		
Family as a supporter for the nurse	11.99±1.70						.69	.64
Item 1	4.13±0.69	.05	-0.26	-0.61	.51	.88		
Item 8	3.88±0.78	.05	-0.60	1.17	.48	.88		
Item 2	3.98±0.69	.05	-0.31	0.07	.49	.88		
Family as a burden	10.19±2.38						.79	.85
Item 21	3.16±0.96	.07	-0.05	-0.30	.16	.89		
Item 22	3.50±0.95	.06	-0.39	-0.34	.23	.88		
Item 19	3.54±0.93	.06	-0.31	-0.33	.17	.89		
Family as a recipient of empowerment	11.21±1.70						.75	.76
Item 17	3.87±0.63	.04	-0.11	-0.01	.57	.87		
Item 18	3.64±0.75	.05	-0.22	-0.19	.54	.87		
Item 16	3.69±0.69	.05	-0.18	-0.07	.60	.87		
Family as its own resource	10.46±1.64						.77	.76
Item 26	3.55±0.65	.04	-0.14	-0.17	.50	.88		
Item 25	3.42±0.69	.05	-0.69	0.98	.58	.87		
Item 24	3.48±0.64	.04	-0.34	1.04	.57	.87		

KFINC-PNA=Korean version of the families' importance in nursing care-pediatric nurses' attitude; ITC=Item-total correlation.

make the instrument compatible with Korean culture, 2 items were deleted, resulting in a final total of 24 items with 6 factors for the KFINC-PNA. Although the KFINC-PNA could not maintain 4 factors, as in the original FINC-NA, the segmentation into 6 factors maintained its theoretical composition and similarity to the original instrument.

The original names for factor 1, “family as conversational partner”, factor 4, “family as a burden”, and factor 6, “family as its own resource”, were kept. The other factors were modified from the original by the authors of this study via a thorough investigation of the meanings of the items. Factor 4 and factor 6 were assigned the same items as the original; however, “I do not have time to take care of families.” from factor 4 and “I ask families how I can support them.” from factor 6 were deleted. The 3 items included in the factor “family as

conversational partner” in the original instrument were reclassified under factor 5, “family as a recipient of empowerment”. Furthermore, 2 of the 10 items that were included in the “family as a resource in nursing care” factor were moved to the “family as conversational partner” factor and 3 items were newly assigned to the “family as a supporter for the nurse” factor. The remaining 5 factors were carefully considered, and it was determined that rather than simply describing the family as a resource for nursing, it would be more appropriate to reconceptualize them as corresponding to “family as a participant in care”.

The KFINC-PNA instrument reflects the FCC concept and understands families as conversation partners, as participants in care, and as a recipient of empowerment; it also implies that families can be supporters for nurses. FCC for hospitalized

children means providing professional support to children and their families through the process of family participation based on empowerment and negotiation [2]. This means that the relationship between the professional health care providers and family is important, and that the staff and family share responsibility for the child's health management. The instrument developed in this study also saw empowerment, collaboration, and participation as important attitudes of nurses for treating families. This reflects what Saveman et al. [17] have suggested: that pediatric nurses should not see the existence of the hospitalized child's family as a burden, but rather have a flexible attitude so that they can respect them as partners in cooperation. Previous studies conducted in Korea suggested that mothers of child patients hospitalized in pediatric wards felt the need for respect and honor, explanation, participation, and cooperation. However, the actual level of patient or family participation in nursing was far from meeting the demands. Research in this field has reported that family participation and cooperation should be considered even more in order to improve the quality of nursing in the pediatric ward [7]. Therefore, if the attitudes on the importance of family that this instrument measures are set as goals for nurses, not only will the needs of mothers of child patients be met, but they will also be able to contribute to improving the quality of nursing in the pediatric ward.

Out of the 2 items that were deleted, the item "I do not have time to take care of families." was analyzed and was found to actually represent clinical realities in Korea, rather than being an issue regarding nurses' attitudes on the importance of families. This is supported by a study that reported on the number of patients that individual Korean nurses each care for, which was greater than that of developed countries' standards. This indicates that the time a nurse can spend on a patient is short and the patient cannot be provided with sufficient nursing care [27]. Furthermore, experts pointed out during the content validity testing that the other deleted item, "I ask families how I can support them." is difficult to practice in actual clinical settings. This can also be regarded as reflecting the fact that in Korea, nurses do not have enough time to spend caring for the actual patient while also practicing FCC, which considers families of patients to also be care recipients and emphasizes cooperation.

Based on item analysis results, items with an ITC of lower than .30 can be considered not to contribute to the scale [19]. In this study, 4 items had an ITC lower than .30: "The presence of family members makes me feel that they are checking up on me." (ITC=.16), "The presence of family members holds me back in my work." (ITC=.17), "The presence of family members makes me feel stressed." (ITC=.23), and "I invite family members to have a conversation at the end of the care period."

(ITC=.25). The researchers in the current study, therefore, had in-depth discussions on whether these items should be deleted, but made the final decision to keep them, taking into account the significance of these items in regard to the concept of FCC. Therefore, future studies should continue to analyze these items and find ways to revise and modify them.

criterion-related validity was tested by analyzing the correlation between KFINC-PNA scores and PNPPS scores. All results indicated a significant static correlation, and the total correlation coefficient was .59, indicating that it measured some of the same concepts but included differences as well. In other words, the PNPPS was developed with the goal of providing individualized nursing care that meets the needs of hospitalized child patients and parents, while also being able to confirm the effects of such care [15]. Of the 7 sub-scales, the aspects on the mutual exchange of feelings, such as respect and sympathy, communication and information sharing between the pediatric nurses and parents and medical staff, and information related to cooperation were all similar to this instrument. Furthermore, the results from this study indicated that the more supportive the nurses' attitudes were on the importance of family, the greater partnership they had with the parents of the child patients. It is important to keep in mind that FCC is not yet an area of active research in Korea, which made it difficult to select a measuring instrument as a 'gold standard' for criterion-related validity testing. Future studies, therefore, should conduct more investigations of concurrent validity and predictive validity to continue this instrument's validation.

In order to test the reliability of the KFINC-PNA, the Cronbach's α coefficient was used to check for internal consistency and tested to see whether stable reliability was shown, even with small sample numbers. The reliability of the KFINC-PNA instrument was relatively stable, and the Cronbach's α for each factor was .69 or higher, supporting reliability. The total score and scores per factor measured using this instrument can be used for future studies. This study evaluated internal consistency in order to test reliability, but future studies should still conduct test-retest analysis for reliability [28]. Furthermore, half of the sample numbers in this study suggested that KFINC-PNA reliability was stable, but the Cronbach's α for the "family as a supporter for the nurse" factor dimension was slightly low at .64; therefore, future repeated studies should re-confirm the reliability of this instrument.

High-quality pediatric nursing takes place when professional care is performed on the basis of the child and parent's interaction [9]. The main function of pediatric nursing is to support children and their families [29], which means that family participation in pediatric nursing must be taken into account [30]. The pediatric nurse not only provides high-quality nurs-

ing to hospitalized children, but should also acknowledge the important role that the families of child patients play in pediatric nursing [13,17]. Although much research has emphasized the importance and significance of FCC, it is extremely difficult to apply FCC in the clinical setting of Korea, and it seems like a hope for the distant future. We hope that this study will remind nurses of the importance of family in practicing FCC and that the KFINC-PNA instrument will not only be used to evaluate how pediatric nurses treat families but also will serve as a guideline for how to treat families. Furthermore, we hope that this study can play a role in establishing FCC as a part of clinical practice in Korea. This study conducted an instrument validation study among pediatric nurses in light of clinical circumstances in Korea. However, this instrument can be used in general nursing situations in which nurses' attitudes on the importance of family need to be assessed. Continuous validation studies should be performed. Moreover, an instrument that not only evaluates the attitudes of nurses on the importance of family, but also directly evaluates nurses' recognition and performance of FCC, should be developed.

CONCLUSION

This study is significant in that it validated a Korean version of an instrument that can measure pediatric nurses' attitudes on the importance of family in pediatric nursing and provided a basis to evaluate and improve nurses' attitudes in order to provide high-quality FCC in the pediatric nursing field in Korea. This study's 6-factor, 24-item, Korean-language KFINC-PNA was qualified in terms of its validity and reliability. Therefore, this instrument is suggested for use in future evaluations of nurses' attitudes on the importance of families in the pediatric nursing field. We also hope that future studies will continue to use this instrument at clinical sites to further generalize and validate this instrument to be compatible with Korea's environment and culture. From the perspective of health care policies, we expect that the items discussed in this study will become a part of the discourse and a guideline used to support the active practice of FCC in clinical fields that care for children. As well more research to validate the original version of FINC-NA with different languages would be substantial of interest in order to identify the similarity and dissimilarity of nurses; attitude on FCC among various cultures and circumstances including Korea.

Conflict of interest

No potential or existing conflict of interest relevant to this article was reported.

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