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Utilization and perceived benefits of social networking sites among nursing students in 10 countries - a global perspective

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This study is about the utilization and perceived benefits of social networking sites among nursing students in 10 countries. Social networking websites function like an online community of internet users. Depending on the website in question, many of these online community members share common interests in hobbies, religion, or politics. Once you are granted access to a social networking website you can begin to socialize. This socialization may include reading the profile pages of other members and possibly even contacting them. The visibility of a profile varies by site and according to user discretion. With the rapid growth of people who use or have access to the Internet, social networking websites are must for the Internet community to stay in touch with each other. The web sites are made to allow users to create a "profile" describing themselves and to exchange public or private messages and list other users or groups they are connected to in some way. In this age of globalization, the world has become too small. Communication has become efficient as never before. The social networking sites have also played a crucial role in bridging boundaries and crossing the seas, bringing all people at a common platform where they can meet likeminded people, find old friends and communicate with them. It became a potential mean to relationship building and staying in touch with each other. This study used of the Quantitative-Descriptive Design that determined the relationship between the utilization and perceived benefits of social networking sites among nursing students in 10 countries (Oman, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Greece, United States, United Kingdom, Chile, India, Egypt, Korea).

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