

Creativity and Innovation in Wound Management – Hong Kong East Cluster

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Do you think the present clinical practice should be changed? Or do you think that we could use new technology to improve clinical practice? Innovation is defined as creativity that is characterised by originality and expressiveness, according to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language (2009). Indeed, innovation is an essential component of nursing practice that allows nurses to improve current practice and standard.

The more you have learned and experienced in nursing practice, the more challenge you have to meet. Nurses are motivated to engage in innovative practices primarily because they seek to improve patient outcomes, health standard and nursing practice. In order to gain support for the development and sustainability of nurse-led innovation, they not only have to demonstrate that their innovations are acceptable to patients and clinically effective; and increasingly have to demonstrate that their innovations could be used wisely.

How is technology changing the health practice today? Frontline nurses often tackle with different complicated wound and prolonged healing time. In Hong Kong East Cluster (HKEC), we pioneered the “Woundoscopy and Colour Diagnostics” to enhance the clinical skill and smart intelligence for clear pictures on wounds. The innovation features instant analysis by real-time monitoring; and the complete understanding on wound. Plus; the three-tier wound management model in HKEC has made significant improvements in wound management in both hospital and community settings through an integrated service with prompt access to expertise, therapeutic intervention and care coordination. It allows early identification of complications and development of appropriate treatment plans.

New innovation in nursing marked the new era in the 21st century. To prepare competent practitioners to meet the challenging practice environment today, innovation is necessary in nursing practice and learning curve. Hence, the major elements of nursing innovation are to think intelligently; learn from experiment and practice; and observe closely.