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Developing “MODERNnet” for promoting Evidence-based Practice (EBP) in Nursing

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Introduction

Evidence-based practice (EBP) provides nurses with a way to use scientifically proven evidence for delivering quality health care to patients in hospital and community. Numerous strategies like EBP-related courses and nursing forum are organized to heighten the awareness and importance of EBP. For the sake of EBP promotion in hospital, a website so-called “MODERNnet” was developed by Nursing Services Division (NSD) and launched in the United Christian Hospital (UCH) in 2012.

Objectives

The aims of the MODERNnet development are 1) to convenient nurses to obtain EBP-related information; 2) to provide nurses an electronic platform to share and discuss EBP-related issues; 3) to display projects/studies from different departments for sharing.

Methodology

MODERNnet is combined of various characteristics including “mobile”, “online”, “dialogue”, “EBP”, “Research”, and “Nursing”. MODERNnet allows nurses to keep up to date with new innovations and practices in the nursing care. MODERNnet typically involves nurses researching, critiquing and discussing current scholarly articles, evaluating the literature and translating research findings to clinical practice, and/or writing articles about new findings in nursing field and how these findings affect modern practice. MODERNnet discusses articles relating to nursing practice through an online platform. Nurse can utilize MSN messenger via mobile phone acted as a communication tool to enquiry EBP-related problem conveniently. Nursing colleagues can find easily to view and share the completed projects of other nurses. MODERNnet is an excellent electronic platform to gather projects and studies completed, and to be regarded as a discussion channel about EBP-related issues among nurses. The upcoming events related to EBP are announced in the MODERNnet. The establishment of MODERNnet can provide direction for health service under evidence-based care.

Result

402 hitting counts and 30 nurses were record to view the MODERNnet in each month. Some nursing colleagues appreciated the new development to facilitate their works in practices and solving research-related problems. MODERNnet is an innovative and creative network to improve health care quality indirectly if nurses can have the ways to clearly understand the strategies of using the best available evidence in their clinical practice. Since many factors perceived by nurses as barriers to the implementation of EBP, it is of extraordinary design to promote EBP lie at the organizational level.