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# Trial of bathing team in a M&G ward

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# Introduction

Most of patients are needed to have assist bathing in M&G ward. Patient has bathing one time per week. Every Monday to Saturday morning, a nurse and a supporting staff assist 5-6 patients bathing. Patient care become rushing during bathing time.

# **Objectives**

1. Increase frequency of patient bathing to 3 times per week. 2. Improve condition of patient skin 3. Relieve workload of nursing staff & supporting staff.

## **Methodology**

Allocate an extra supporting staff to total of 10 in 4CL ward. Assign 2 extra supporting staffs as bathing team members on every Monday to Saturday from 6/8 to 22/9/2012. 15 -17 patients are named on the list in each bathing day.

## <u>Result</u>

1. Frequency of patient bathing was increased from one time per week to 3 times per week. 2. Number of patient assisted bathing was increased from 5.7 per day to 13.4 per day. There were 2.3 times increased than before the trial with only one supporting staff was added. 3. Total 21 questionnaires sent to 11 nurses and 10 supporting staffs. Rate of returned is 100%. 90.5% staffs agreed that trial of bathing team had relieved workload during bathing time. 4. 90.5% staffs agreed that trial of bathing team had increased time of nurse on wound dressing and other patient care. Also Supporting staffs had increase time on position turning and ward tidying.