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Treasure to the New Comer: Sharing Sessions of Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery 2012-2013

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Introduction

There are more than 500 and 1000 patients received open heart surgery and lung surgery respectively in Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery (CTS) of Queen Elizabeth Hospital every year. As the number of cardiothoracic patients are in increasing trend, the demand of both lung and heart surgery are increasing. Furthermore, the medical technology are keeping advancing nowadays, nurses have to deal with both more complicated cases and use of different advance equipment in order to save more lives. As a result, training of the nurses becomes more important especially for those newly joined and fresh graduates. In 2012 to 2013, a series of sharing sessions was organized within department by senior staffs. It aimed at sharing of clinical experiences, knowledge and advanced nursing practice.

Objectives

1. To share the clinical knowledge, experiences, basic and advanced nursing practice.
2. To facilitate interaction between senior and junior nursing staff.
3. To strengthen engagement of junior nursing staffs to the department and the hospital.
4. To enhance the nursing standard, demonstrate effective integration of the theory, practice and experiences along with increasing degrees of autonomy in judgments and interventions.

Methodology

Questionnaire and Face-to-face interview were used for the evaluation of the sharing sessions.

Result

Total 18 sharing sessions and 100 nurses person-time attended. The collection rate of the questionnaire was 100%. All the nursing staff expressed that the program was useful and informative, the aims and objectives were clear. The overall learning objectives were achieved after the session with 100% agree. All the nursing staff thought that the speakers have demonstrated up-to-date professional knowledge and expertise in the content area. In open-ended question, staffs expressed that they have

learnt more about the related topic and provided update information in CTS. Staff suggested to supplement the lecture with demonstration. Through face-to-face interview, nurses expressed they felt frustrating because of lacking clinical experience in specialized nursing practice which minimize the effectiveness of work. Nurses expressed that more case study session could be added into the program. Some nurses with working experience less than 5 years expressed that the understanding of the heart and lung disease had enrich their knowledge. They become more confident in caring of cardiothoracic critically ill patients and performing daily work in CTS. The job satisfaction and sense of belonging have been increased.