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Enhanced environmental protection green project and green tips in an acute hospital ward

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Introduction

In clinical setting, health care providers are always busy in performing caring procedures. For the sake of environment hygiene and waste reduction, green promotion is also crucial measures in hospital ward. Therefore, we would like to enhance a green project about waste recycling in our workplace.

Objectives

(1) To standardize waste reduction strategy through recycling bin collections on rubbish handling; and (2) to enhance staff awareness of their way to keep more green activities by green tips

Methodology

According to the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) has been cooperating with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to launch the territory-wide "Promotion Programme on Source Separation of Waste" (the Programme) by distributing waste separation bins since 2008. In October 2013, we distributed 3 separations tailor-made recycling bins (that are plastic, aluminum and papers groups) with clear instruction pictures to facilitate our staff and patient/visitors to throw the rubbish properly. We designed concisely green tips and posted up on poster board, computer and toilet paper towel containers to encourage reducing energy costs and carbon emissions. We gave a brief orientation talk to the assigned supporting staff how to collect our recycling waste and placing at hospital designated collection depot. Finally, a Staff & Relative Satisfaction Survey was conducted to evaluate whether the green project is practical for use in our workplace. We compared the recycling waste collection volume and with correct recycling nature to evaluate its effectiveness.

Result

By implementing this enhanced program from October 2013, this achieved about 70% full of recycling bins at collection shift from our daily waste on comparing with pre-program (20-30% full with incorrect recycling waste). In January 2014, staff (including nurses and supporting staff) and patient/relatives in ward A9 completed the satisfactory questionnaire. All respondents (n=45, 23 nurses & 14 supporting & 8 relatives) gave very positive feedback on program satisfaction questionnaire. They appreciated and satisfied the value of green program which they thought was meaningful and helpful to facilitate green activities. Conclusions Staffs and clients are

motivated to be aware of recycling waste handling in accordance with EPD principles and spirit. It demonstrated a pilot collaboration between supporting service department and hospital green management committee. We recommend the EPD providing standardize 3-coloured separation waste collection bins to our workplace in the near future.