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**To promote End-of-life (EOL) care in non-palliative care settings**

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**Introduction**

To promote End-of-life (EOL) care in non-palliative care settings is an initiation for quality care for dying patients and their families. A special nursing care plan was implemented in 9 Medicine & Geriatrics wards (6 acute, 2 rehabilitation, 1 palliative care) in Caritas Medical Centre since March 2013. Series of EOL care training was conducted in 3Q of 2012. A survey was conducted at July of 2013 to evaluate nurses' perception on the use of this nursing care plan as guidance in caring for dying patients and their families.

**Objectives**

To evaluate the feedbacks from nurses on the use of special care plan in EOL care.

**Methodology**

M&G nurses were surveyed by a 20-items self-reporting questionnaire after 3-month implementation. Descriptive statistics was used for statistical analysis.

**Result**

From Jan of 2013 to December of 2013, total 1100 nursing care plans on EOL care was implemented. Total 185 questionnaires returned with response rate 88.5%, 69.8% (n=125) had attended the training sessions while 82.7% (n=153) had used the special care plan. Most of the staff (n=142, 92.1%) agreed the care plan provides guidance in EOL care, 126 staff (81.8%) stated the care plan increased their awareness on the care of dying. 123 nurses (79.8%) felt competence and 119 nurses (77.3 %) felt increase job satisfaction on care of dying. All nurses worked in palliative unit felt competence in care of dying. 126 nurses (81.8%) agreed the care plan was beneficial to patients and relatives. Forty-four (67.7%) senior nurses (>10 years' experience) reported the care plan was simple and easy to use. while 13 enrolled nurses (56.5%) felt it was complicated. Nurses from both acute and rehabilitation settings agreed documentation of cares in the care plan was clear (87.8% and 82.15% respectively). In conclusion, majority of nurses agree the care plan as a

framework to enhance their job satisfaction and competence in EOL care. Further, EOL care training and case sharing would further enhance the quality on EOL care. The nursing care plan will be periodically reviewed and audited.