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Implementation of electronic documentation in Dietetic Department

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Introduction

The Hospital Authority has launched the "Allied Health Record - Dietetics Assessment Form" since 23/04/12. The signed form will be uploaded to ePR for other health professionals to retrieve if necessary. Yet, electronic documentation has not fully implemented in all Dietetic departments.

Objectives

To promote better communication among health professionals intra- and inter-hospitals, enable efficient use of space and promote paperless environment.

Methodology

In view of limited storage space for patients records in both department and hospital, electronic documentation has been adopted for all outpatients of Dietetic Department since 15/04/13. Hard copies of outpatients notes will not be printed out for promoting paperless environment, saving filing time and eliminating the storage of forms. Starting from 09/06/15, electronic documentation has been implemented to replace the usual practice of written documentation for all new inpatients referred and their follow-up documentation. In addition to the Dietetics Assessment Form uploaded to ePR, the hard copies are also filed in patients' Medical Records as part of the integrated care.

Result

OLMH Dietetic department is one of the pioneers to fully implement electronic documentation in both inpatients and outpatients.

It promotes better communication among health professionals since Dietetics Assessment Form can be readily retrieved from ePR. For instance, dietitians in other hospitals can access nutritional assessment and intervention conducted in OLMH. This in turn enhances continuity of care. It also minimizes internal filing time, enables efficient use of space and promotes paperless environment.