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Stakeholders Engagement Program to Prevent Pressure Ulcers

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Introduction

Pressure Injury is one of the nursing quality indicators. Pressure injuries are often preventable and are costly to the health care system. In a response to high incidence of hospital acquired pressure injury (HAPI) rate, Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) had implemented many departmental continuous quality improvement (CQI) projects, education and monitoring system to contain the HAPI to an average incidence rate since 2005.

A multi-disciplinary team Pressure Ulcer and Wound Management Subcommittee (PUWMS) was set up in 2012 under the hospital Quality and Safety Committee (QSC), and together they are responsible to implement pressure injury reduction programs. They engaged multiple disciplines to provide a framework on prevention and management of pressure injuries.

Objectives

- 1) To raise healthcare professionals and stakeholders awareness on prevention of pressure injury
- 2) To promote skin care and early intervention to prevent pressure injury development

Methodology

Hospital Wide STOP Pressure Ulcer Day in PMH has been conducted yearly since 2013. In 2016, it extended to the other Kowloon West Cluster hospitals by holding First KWC STOP Pressure Ulcer Week. The activities included symposium, poster presentation, demonstration booth, sharing session, workshop and discussion in 5 days. It began with a kick off Ceremony for the STOP Pressure Ulcer Week in KWC. In the activities, a physiotherapist, an occupational therapist, a podiatrist and nurses from Medical Department, Surgical Department, High Dependency Unit and Operating Theatre shared their pressure injury preventive strategies and Nurse Consultant shared knowledge and experience on pressure injury. A scenario-based session on wound staging was also conducted to multi-disciplinary staff to evaluate

the accuracy of performing pressure injury and wound assessment tool.

Result

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In the symposium in PMH, there were a total of 86 participants, of which 1 podiatrist, 1 Senior Occupational Therapist, 6 physiotherapists included Department Manager, 9 doctors included Hospital Chief Executive, and 69 nurses of ranking from Enrolled Nurses to Cluster General Manager (Nursing) from 8 cluster hospitals.

“STOP Pressure Ulcer Day in PMH” was reported on 3 local newspapers to arouse awareness of the community on prevention and management of pressure injuries.

Conclusion

Prevention of pressure injury is not just a nursing quality indicator, it is a multiple disciplinary team business. Engaging community and multi-disciplinary health care professionals in the prevention of pressure injuries is a way forward NOW. PMH is committed to provide high quality of patient care, involving and listening to all stakeholders opinion.