A Challenge of Nursing Practice with Info-tech

How to Get Along with the Mobile e-Nursing Cart

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The medical environment is changing rapidly in recent years. Nursing, facing impacts internally and externally, implemented several measures to breakthrough and innovate. I recently attended a seminar called "Simplifying Hospital Nursing Document Processing Plan", coordinated by the Medical Policy Association. It was an explanatory introduction by professionals at various levels of the hospitals to support the Department of Health's Nursing Reform Policy. Everyone is feeling unease about the change because of new audit of evaluation committee, the potentiality of over-simplification and medical disputes.

Nursing informatization is one of the main policies for simplifying clinical operations. So, how do the clinical nurses and management cope with the changes? Is it a step forward, or a step backward?

Nearly everyone owns a computer, a cell phone, surfing the Internet and engage in social networking nowadays, digitizing work flow processes should not be difficult. So, why is it so hard? How do our colleagues adapt to the changes?

Let us hear the thoughts of our ward head nurse, who was the first to adopt the mobile e-nursing cart in Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital, and how she led her staff to reform the ward into the hospital's benchmark of informatization, as well as the voices of other staff on the reform. We hope to instill confidence in our colleagues' mind, transform information into our most reliable weapons in saving time and effort.

To Shoulder on Challenge for Change

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If you have the chance, will you take the challenge?
If you have the courage, will you take the responsibility?
Willing to take on challenges and responsibilities, you have already changed!

Volunteer to Pioneer

While dealing with various diseases, our staff discovered that physicians might have inconsistent thoughts when it comes to prescribing medications, which, as result, exhausted time and energy of the new and old staff to identify and verify the correct medication. Vague prescriptions or ambiguous instructions are constantly testing the coping ability of new staff as well as the communication and counseling skills of the supervisors. Upon further studies, it was revealed that the entire world faces similar predicament and endeavors to compensate, particularly in an era where technology evolves so rapidly. I, at the time, thought of implementing barcode to improve the accuracy of