

Introduction of Myself

I currently serve as professor, school of Nursing and Graduate School at the Yuan-pei University. For past 20 years, I worked at Taipei Veterans General Hospital (TVGH) as Deputy Director. TVGH is a first class teaching medical center with 2,900 beds and 2,400 nurses. I was responsible for clinical service, education, research and management.

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Relating to educational background, I studied in the university of Illinois at Chicago from 1986-1989 and finished my Dissertation “The comparison of the quality of nursing care under primary and team nursing in Taiwan”. From 1989, I started to establish the “Research and Development” (R&D) program in TVGH and participated in the Chinese Nurses Union’s research related to nursing cost.

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To start R&D program was challenging because there was no R&D program in the Department of Nursing at that time. I started to set the goals, objectives, organizational structure, establish the Research Committee and Development Committee, build up standards to evaluate the proposal and research reports.

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I set the criteria for Nursing Research Awards, and help to evaluate the research papers and revise the papers prepared to publish in VGH Nursing Journal and The Journal of Nursing periodically. These results presented in many open lectures and did help other hospitals set nursing research programs.

Most of my researches and the researches under my direction had been clinically oriented, easy to apply to nursing. For example, I helped establish the standards of nursing care and the evaluation tools in medical and surgical units in 1989. This method also applied to gerontological nursing in 1990. I wrote a book named "The Development of the Gerontological Nursing Care Standards and the Evaluation of the Quality of Nursing Care" had published in 1991.

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Being the first gerontological nursing evaluation process tools developed and evaluated according to different types of Patient Classification, it earned the National Science Council (NSC) Award in 1991. Other units used these principles to establish their specific nursing care standards and evaluation tools to audit the quality of their units' nursing care.

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In order to calculate the nursing manpower scientifically, I conducted a Patient Classification Systems study and completed 269-item nursing activity time study including mean time and frequencies. Using these data, we developed accurate nursing care hours and Patient Classification Systems. This research also helped simplify the nursing activities. It had contributed toward promoting nurses to a more professional work.

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For the research, “The assessment and application of nursing manpower productivity” supported by NSC, a nursing manpower productivity formula was developed. Through work sampling and time study, we found the average nursing cost for a patient per day in TVGH was at least NT 1,080 dollars (US\$ 34) in 1997.

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This information will help the nursing administrators fight for reasonable nursing fees. At present, the nursing fee including room charge is NT\$ 515 (in 1999). Of course, it is not enough to pay for the nurse manpower cost.

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On an international level, my research projects have been accepted and I have been invited to present them in the US, Europe and Asia every year. On a national level, I have directed graduate and undergraduate students in more than 300 research papers and have helped many other nurses to do research projects.

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I had published 25 books, including “Nursing administration and Management”, “Introduction of Nursing Research”, etc. I also reviewed International Council of Nurses (ICN) research abstract every year. I do enjoy my work and hope through research and development, we can improve the quality of nursing care and benefit all mankind health.