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Development Of Postoperative Care And Monitoring Sheet For Mechanically Ventilated Patients

The M.S. Curie Pediatric Emergency Clinical Hospital treats patients with lung, digestive, oncologic, orthopedic, surgical, and neonatal conditions. The Intensive Care Ward (I.C.W.), which contains 18 beds and six incubators, provides emergency medical assistance for children, aged one hour to 18 years of age, suffering from various conditions, including congenital malformations, hydatids of the liver and lung, lung disease requiring breathing prosthesis, traumas, tumors, and II- to IV-level comas.

Recently, hospital nurses implemented a project to develop a postoperative care and monitoring sheet for mechanically ventilated patients in order to provide better communication between the I.C.W. nurses and nurses in other wards. The sheet serves to improve patient monitoring through the reporting of nursing activity, and to prevent

- overdoses of medication following patient transfers between wards. The sheet records vital functions, relevant ventilation parameters, and parenteral feeding (information that formerly was transmitted less systematically).

- Fourteen nurses in charge of the care and monitoring of mechanically ventilated patients received training on filling out the sheets. Following a questionnaire and discussion of the new system, suggested improvements were implemented, and a final monitoring sheet was developed.

- Since the utilization of the sheet, weekly assessments by nursing staff have indicated that the system has provided more efficiency and fewer instances of unnecessary intubation or accidental drug overdose. In the future, sheets will be attached to each patient's general medical record in order to monitor the daily work of intensive care nurses.



PSBH Project at the M.S. Curie Pediatric Emergency Clinical Hospital

Use Of Postoperative Care And Monitoring Sheets In “Awakening Department”

The M.S. Curie Pediatric Emergency Clinical Hospital I.C.W. has an “Awakening Department,” a five-bed room equipped with electronic monitors where up to 25 to 30 patients a day are monitored and cared for following anesthesia. This postoperative period is not included on the patient’s general medical record, and, often, a lack of written communication between nurses in the various wards causes confusion and inaccuracy in drug administration. Faulty administration can cause complications in patients, including breathing difficulties, digestive problems, fever, hemorrhaging, and pain.

The use of postoperative care and monitoring sheets in the “Awakening Department” provides a more professional and systematic means of communication by requiring nurses to indicate patient medical history and current medication intake.

In the more than eight months since nurses in the hospital implemented this project, 3,000 patients have undergone surgery. To date, no drug overdoses have been reported. Hospital doctors are in favor of the nurse-driven monitoring sheet initiative and consider it beneficial and

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Extending A Project To The National Level

PSBH philosophy teaches us that a small project does not reach its end, but extends itself by attracting new partners until that same project is applied nationwide. Thus, with the protocol concluded between the Andrea Foundation and the Ministry of Education and Research, “Computer Clubs for Children” will be introduced to middle schools in Romania’s rural areas.



Computer Clubs for Children Project

During the summer holiday, the 70 computers donated this year from the Children's Help Net Foundation to the Andrea Foundation were used in two national children's information competitions. The significance of these events was highlighted by the fact that the Minister of Education and Research, Ms. Ecaterina Andronescu, was present.

Beginning in September 2002, seven of the "Computer Clubs for Children," in seven rural middle schools, will start to use the new computers. The number of children enrolled in the first six computer clubs currently exceeds 800. By the time the seventh club opens, these figures will have increased greatly.

Hopefully, by the end of 2002, we will be able to organize another 15 of the "Computer Clubs for Children" in rural areas, so that a few years from now, there will be "Computer Clubs for Children" in every middle school in Romania. With perseverance and the involvement of more organizations, a beautiful dream can come true. This is what can be accomplished by solving a problem with PSBH.

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61 Projects From The PSBH Workshop In Tirgoviste, May 2002 Assisted By The Dreyfus Health Foundation And The Andrea Foundation

- Appropriate Information - First Step Toward Saying No to Drugs
- Beautiful and Healthy Teeth
- Behavior Therapy Program
- Better Communication Between Social Workers and Underprivileged People
- Better Safe Than Sorry (education program on drug consumption)
- Children and Teenagers' Suicide Attempts
- Clean Microclimate: Better Health (creation of park on school premises)
- Counseling and Social Integration Center for Young Women (sole family providers)
- Defensive Dental Treatment for Children
- Defensive Methods Against Students' Deviant Behavior (psycho-pedagogic issues)
- Diet for a Healthier Life
- Do I Depend on Drugs, or Do Drugs Depend on Me?
- Education by Artistic Message (prevention of dental cavities)
- Education Program on Health and Intellectual Work
- Education Program on the Need for an Appropriate Individualized Diet
- Education Program on Personal Hygiene (includes 26 children)
- Education Program to Deter Industrial-Food Consumption and Encourage Natural-Food Consumption
- Education Program to Teach Hygiene Skills to First Graders (includes 225 children)
- Education Program to Train Students About Illness Prevention
- Effects of Tobacco on Teenagers and Adults
- Environmental Health: Our Own Health
- For My Health: More Outdoor Games and Less TV
- Future Starts Today, or From Desired Pregnancy to Healthier and Happier Children

- Health by Internet (prevention of sexually transmitted diseases)
- Health Education Program on Hygiene Rules Related to Parasitosis - Prevention in Preschool
- Health: Physical and Psychological Strength Through Exercise
- High Cholesterol: Cardiovascular Disease Risk
- High School Sex Education (two separate projects)
- How to Care for and Protect Severely Handicapped Children
- How to Prevent First- to Fifth-Grade Children From Dropping Out of School
- How to Provide Home Care for People Who are Hard to Move
- Hygiene Rules and Skills for Better Health
- Information Program on Alcohol Consumption Deterrence
- Knowledge of Health Care Law: Today's "Must" (courses for family doctors)
- Lack of Knowledge About Basic Food Hygiene
- Law and Liabilities (prevention of juvenile delinquency)
- Learn to Learn! (prevention of inappropriate work styles)
- Light the Darkness! (lens implant surgery)
- Monitoring/Active Measure Program Aimed at Reducing the Amount of Homework Given to Primary School Pupils
- Monitoring Sugar Levels of Diabetes Patients in Rural Areas (includes 25 patients)
- "My Friend" (insufficient socialization of teenagers who frequently use the computer)
- Personal Hygiene Program
- Program on Improving Romanian Language in School
- Psychological Counseling Program for Alcoholics From Night Shelter
- Role of Balanced Diet in Teenagers' Development Process
- Role of Buccal and Dental Hygiene in Reducing Orthodontic Disorders
- School Abandonment: A Problem in Rural Areas
- School Performance Decline as a Result of Student Involvement in Farming
- Sedentary Teenagers
- Smoking Among Students: One of Today's Major Issues
- Solving Behavior-Related Problems for Better Health
- Stop Alcohol Consumption (program for students)
- Stop Student Violence
- Stress Caused by Overworking (intellectual education program)
- Stress Generated by Emotional Education Gaps (includes 12 children from Music High School)
- Student Campaign to Prevent Smoking
- Sunday Parents
- Teenagers, Their Sex Life and STDs
- Undesired Pregnancy Prevention Program for Roma Women in Tirgoviste
- Ways to Improve Academic Results in Music Education