

# **Emergency nursing education: how far we go? Reactive Vs Proactive? Hospital Vs Community? An experience from an emergency department in Hong Kong.**

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## Background:

Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) is the largest regional hospital in New Territories West in Hong Kong. The Emergency Department (ED) there served 600-700 daily attendance. In daily operation, there are many co-workers e.g. ambulance crew, policemen and volunteer workers that work closely with the Health Care Providers (HCP) in ED. It is believed that by transferring some basic skills of emergency medicine to community would enhance the works in ED.

## Objectives:

1. To promote basic skills of emergency medicine to community.
2. To enhance the communication between different work groups in community and ED staff.

## Methodology:

Plan: A task force group was formed by nursing management in ED.

Do: The works were reviewed regularly and the task force group liaised with other co-workers e.g. ambulance crew, policemen etc.

Check: Assign team and speakers to different community groups and event.

Act: Finalized the contents and team members responsible for each event. The content focus on Cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of Automatic Electro Defibrillator (AED), first aid skills and other health education skills e.g. blood pressure monitoring.

## Result and outcome:

1. Conducted two training sessions to secondary school student, the "Sunshine Angel Program" coordinated by TMH hospital in summer.
2. Delegate nursing instructor and conducted training sessions to police officers under the in-service training of the police workforce quarterly.
3. Conducted regular training to police officers in Tuen Mun District.
4. Conducted regular training to ambulance officers during clinical attachment in ED.
5. Performed life demonstration on AED usage and CPR training to community in various districts in Hong Kong.

## Conclusion:

Prevention is always better than cure. As we move forward to educate our community and other co-workers can absolutely help to understand more the work nature in ED and to promote primary health care in community.

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