



Enhancing Clinical Practice & Striving for the Best

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It is my pleasure to have been participated in the 2010 WOCN / WCET Joint Congress in June 2010 and have a poster presentation. I would like to thank Norma N. Gill Foundation, my hospital management and my family for their support as I learned a lot from the event.

The Congress not only allowed voices of Enterostomal Therapists (ET) to be heard in an international platform, but also facilitated exchange of nursing and research experiences between professionals from various countries. This is invaluable to nurses from emerging countries as they can now learn the cutting-edge technologies and new wound care concepts in developed countries and then expand or improve their own services.



For example, my hospital has 1800 beds and there are about 120 ostomy surgeries performed per year. The wound care centre I am working in was established in 2005. It serves patients both in the province and from periphery areas. My colleagues and I need to take care of about 15 thousand cases each year. These cases include patients with ostomies and wounds. Although we are busy everyday, we feel very satisfied and happy.



Upon my return to China after the Phoenix congress, I immediately proposed some new directions for my wound care centre to they hospital management. The directions were well received and further strengthened service provision. In terms of academic achievement, I coordinated four of my graduated ET students to establish training materials and clinical practice guidelines based on the best-available evidence. I have participated in a multi-centre, randomized controlled study

on prediction and prevention of hospital-acquired pressure ulcers in China. This study involves 12 regional hospitals of more than 1000 beds. I hope the research findings can be translated to clinical practice and so that less patients will suffer from pressure ulcer.



Education is a very important component in promotion of ET nursing in countries with large population. China has a population of about 1.3 billion. There are a lot of patients suffering from pressure ulcers and various chronic wounds. Although there are already six ET schools in China and about two hundred practicing ETs, the annual ET graduates are still unable to meet the service needs at present.

As an experienced ET nurse educator, I teach in the ET Nursing Education Programmes (ETNEP) at the Nanjing ET School and the Wenzhou ET School. I also gave presentations on wound care and pressure ulcer prevention for more than twenty hospitals in different provinces in China (e.g. Jiangsu, Yunnan, Anhui, Sichuan and Guangzhou). I want to contribute my effort to the profession and I always look forward to a better world in one day.



I believe that where “there is will, there is a way” and it is never too late to learn and share. In the future, I will continue to strive for the development of ET nursing services and the welfare of ostomates in China.

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