

Practice and Experience in Integrated Pharmaceutical Care

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We have enriched and developed the foreign theory of pharmaceutical care and created the new concept of “Integrated Pharmaceutical Care”, thus facilitating the domestic colleagues to set off an upsurge of implementing pharmaceutical care. We took the lead in establishing a work model in China, in which the pharmacists go deep into the clinical work in a fixed unit for a long time, thus overcame the restriction due to limited establishment of pharmacists in hospitals and short of clinical pharmacists, which are the general condition present in both military and civilian hospitals at present, and enabled the limited staffs after short training to go deep into the clinical work and carry out clinical pharmacy and pharmaceutical care directly for the patients as quick as possible and enabled them to give full play to their professional technical knowledge in making policy of clinical pharmacotherapy and to help the doctors improve rational medication and level of clinical treatment. Up to 2003, the pharmacists of Shanghai Changhai Hospital participated in ward-round for 632 times in total, examined 2323 patients, answered inquiries of doctors, nurses and clinical patients for more than 500 person-times, participated in clinical case discussions of departments and whole hospital for 56 times and pharmaceutical consultation for 24 times and helped the clinical doctors discover, analyze and manage the drug adverse reaction for 231 case-times in total. We participated in emergency treatment of drug intoxication, helped doctors draw up treatment regimen, improved treatment aiming at the disease and success rate of treatment, and successfully cured 8 cases. We were the first to go out the hospitals in China, enabled the pharmaceutical care to extend from clinical patients to community people, carried out medication education from all directions and multi-levels and expanded the scope of pharmaceutical care. We provided strong technical guarantee for carrying out all-sidedly the pharmaceutical care in and out the hospital through establishing the network system of hospital pharmaceutical administration and information service based on a variety of network platforms. With the basic quality requirement of pharmaceutical care as the target, we established a model of new-type hospital pharmaceutical education and initiated a series of teaching curriculums and continuous education courses to open up a road for training the reserve qualified personnel of pharmaceutical care. We carried out deeply the study on theory and administration of pharmaceutical care and established the related regulations and assessed criteria for perfecting implementation of pharmaceutical care, enabled pharmaceutical care to develop in depth. We have set up the journal “Pharmaceutical Care and Research”, the field for research and interchange of integrated pharmaceutical care. It has enhanced significantly the level of pharmaceutical care in China.