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A Partnership Program to Enhance Continuity of Community Health Care - Tai Po Experience

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Introduction:

The project has successfully formulated the cross- agency collaboration between hospital and community social welfares. Aligning with different professions to ensure a holistic community care system in Tai Po District.

Purpose of the Project:

1. To develop a reporting and supporting system between the hospital and Salvation Army, identifying the frail elderly who are in lack of supportive network, sharing their related data bases information and providing comprehensive service on time.
2. Initiate reaching out and community health care projects to promote caring in community and enhance self management ability of elders.
3. Mobilize the family members and community volunteers to provide comprehensive care to elderly in need.

Material and Methods:

1. Register and update the information of high risk elderly member periodically. For example, medical record, psycho-social situation, personal data and community service received.
2. Build up professional networking and information exchange platform, which strengthen the reporting procedure on emergency case, prioritize community services for those in needed, dwindled the recap rate for hospital.

Results:

- Registered high risk elderly: 560
- Through reporting system, average number of high risk elderly entrance to the hospital per month:13
- Total Number of elderly received support after exit the hospital: 152
- Successful reaching out and community health care projects achieved –
 - Fall Prevention Project with Tai Chi : 120 elderly participated
 - Outreaching Psycho-geriatric Clinic and Consultation : 14 cases each month
 - Outreaching Geriatric Clinic and Consultation : 4 cases each month
 - Cold Spelt Warmth Home Visit by medical and social practitioners : 50 cases each year
 - volunteer home visit by Red cross : 30 cases each month

Conclusions:

In the past year, the project has been successfully implemented through a good monitoring mechanism, effective communication platform, and devoted staffs.