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Towards a Model of Community Rehabilitation in Hong Kong

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Rehabilitation Program Plan

- In 2005, the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) reviewed the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (RPP)
- Two strategies:-
 - promote cross-sectoral collaboration in providing services for persons with disabilities ... integration into the community; and
 - to empower persons with disabilities and their carers, ... become valuable social capital





Recommendations

- Develop day and community rehabilitation services
- Forge closer collaboration among different sectors and local communities
- Enhance people-oriented services, provide support to carers, developing community mutual help networks and rendering multidisciplinary support services





Community Rehabilitation

"strategy within community development for the rehabilitation, equalization of opportunities, and social integration of all people with disabilities."

 Combined efforts of disabled people themselves, their families and communities, and the appropriate health, education, vocational and social services"

(WHO, 1994)





Hospital- versus Communitybased Rehabilitation

Hospital-based	Community-based
Service provision exclusively	Transfer of knowledge
Mystification of knowledge	De-mystification of knowledge
Social isolation	Social inclusion
Can benefit few (less than 10%)	Cover large population
Expensive, low efficiency	Less expensive – utilises community resources
Disabled persons have a passive role – "receivers of care"	Disabled persons have an active role
Vertical, linear service provision	Integration with other sectors





Examples in Hong Kong

 Community Rehabilitation Network (CRN), the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation

 Community Rehabilitation Day Centre (CRDC), Haven of Hope Christian Services





Community Rehabilitation Network

The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation





Missions of CRN

- To empower the persons with chronic health condition and their carers to improve their quality of life through building up of their self management and mutual-aid self-help capacity.
- To facilitate the persons with chronic health condition to advocate for equal opportunities and social inclusion.





The CRN Physical Locations

Six Centers in Hong Kong









Community Rehabilitation

Mutual-aid Supportive Network

Psycho-social Intervention

Patient Education

Self

Management

Patients' Self-help **Organization** Mutual-aid Self-help Group

Peer **Visitation** Scheme

Psychotherapeutic Group

Rehabilitation Course / Self-Management Course

Information sharing, Community education & Advocacy

Information sharing, **Emotional** support

Sharing of coping method. **Emotional** support

Changing clients' perception & self-valuation

Transfer of knowledge & skills

Mission of CRN





Mutual-aid

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Self-help

Self Management Skills

Motivation

Community Resources





Self Efficacy

Healthy Behaviors Mutual-aid & Self Help



Community Rehabilitation





Professional and Volunteer Staff

- Social Workers
- Physiotherapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Registered Nurses
- Professional Advisors (Doctors, Nutritionists, Speech Therapists, Clinical Psychologists etc)





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Characteristics of Services

- Knowledge Enrichment:
 - •To provide knowledge on stroke rehabilitation, include risk factors for second stroke, ways to manage hypertension



- Motivation Enhancement:
 - Build up motivation of stroke survivors to take actions to manage their health
- Rehabilitation Skills Training:
 - •To learn and practice necessary skills in rehab in the group.







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Characteristics of Services

- Community Re-integration Skills Training:
 - To learn the community living skills on site such as making use of public transport and community facilities



- To equip the participants the skills for self management and to facilitate the participants to build up mutual support network. Services include
- Mutual Aid Self-help Group
 - To establish mutual support network







Community Rehabilitation Day Centre (CRDC)

Haven of Hope Christian Services





CRDCs in Hong Kong

- Haven of Hope Christian Service CRDC (Wan Chai)
- Christian Family Service Centre CRDC (Kwun Tong)
- SAHK (NT East CRDC)
- The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council (NT West CRDC)





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 Provides both professional rehabilitation training services and psychosocial rehabilitation services to patients discharged from hospitals and those referred from other institutions





Objectives of The CRDC

- Enhance the patients' physical functioning and self-maintenance abilities
- Strengthen their domestic living and community living skills
- Help patients restructure a healthy lifestyles and productive life roles





Objectives of The CRDC (cont')

- Facilitate patients to integrate into the community
- Strengthen the caring capacities of carers by providing training programs and educational courses to the carers
- Relieve the pressure of carers due to prolonged care of the patients
- Improve the QoL of the patients and also their carers





Types of Services

- Centre-based individual or group rehabilitation training programs
- Home-based training
- Training programs / educational courses / workshops for the family members / carers
- Organization of mutual support groups, delivering public education programs and consultation services to the support groups and rehabilitation units in the community
- Day respite care service
- Day care service for severely disabled persons





Staffing

- Involve HA, SWD, and NGO
- Multidisciplinary team including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, registered nurses, social workers etc





Referrals

Rehabilitation Training Service

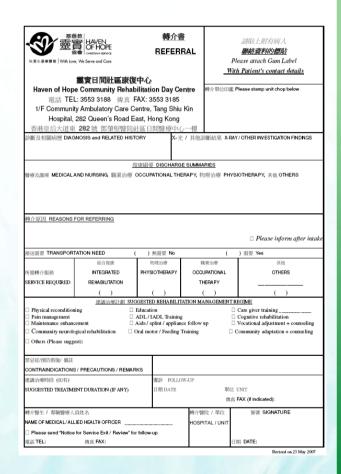
 Must be referred by medical officers / occupational therapists / physiotherapists of the Hospital Authority through standardized referral system.

Day Care Service for Severely Disabled Persons

Must be referred by social worker.

Carers' Training Service / Day Respite Care Service

 Can approach the centre for direct application for the service







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Clienteles of CRDC

Rehabilitation Training Service:

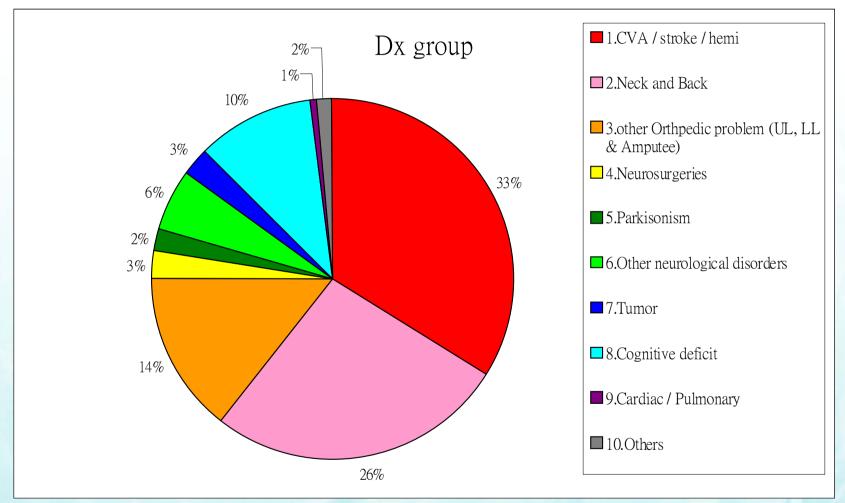
- Discharged patients who are: aged 15 and above; and suffering from stroke, neurological or physical impairments, or other physical illnesses affecting their functional performance and in need of continuous rehabilitation training
- Family members / carers of discharged patients as stipulated above.

Day Care Service for Severely Disabled Persons:

 severely mentally handicapped / severely physically persons aged between 15 and 59.







Source: from HOHCS



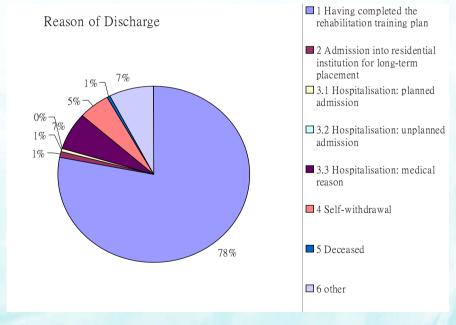


Fact Sheet 2

67.9 % discharge within 4 months

• 3% discharge after 10 months (10 mths:1.5%,

12 mths: 1.5%)

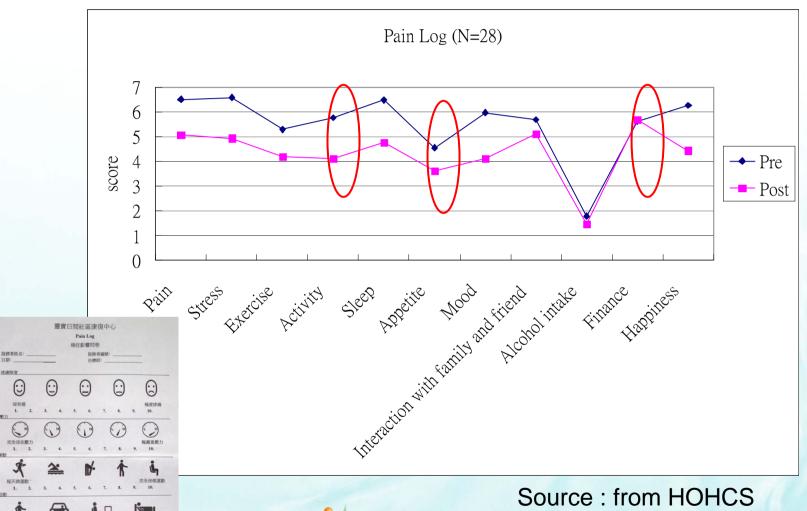


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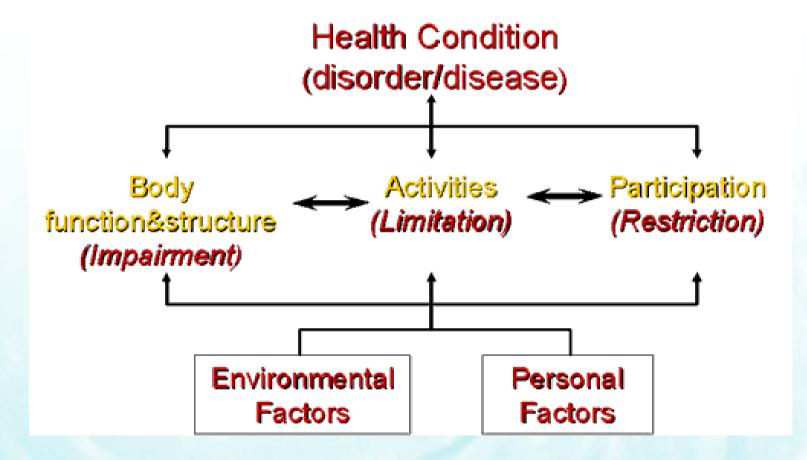
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Model of ICF



(Kostanjsek, 2004) (www.who.int/classification/icf)





Advantages of Rehabilitation in the Community

- Quality: Rehabilitation within ones' own community makes it easier to participate in family and community life
- Coverage: Can provide services to a wider spectrum of people with disabilities and their carers
- Not only enables people with disabilities to develop their abilities but influences attitudes and the physical environment
- As a strategy for promoting positive attitudes of society toward people with disabilities
- Could be cost-effective than institution-based set-up





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