

Graduation at Madanapalle

The 1988 Graduation ceremony of the School of Nursing, M.L.L. Hospital, Madanapalle, was held on January 9, at 5.00 p.m. under the chairmanship of our Medical Superintendent Dr. Emmanuel Sunder Raj. Mr. G. Alfred, Superintendent of Police, Chittoor, was the chief guest.

Rev. K. Shadrack in his invocation prayed for the special blessings on this occasion and for the participants of the programme. Then Mr. S.V.L. Michael read from the scriptures, Psalms 91. This was followed by the valedictory address delivered by the chief guest, Mr. Alfred. In his address he commended the services of the nurses all over, especially in the army hospitals.

Then Diplomas were conferred on the graduates by the chief guest, after the presentation of graduating class by Mrs. S.B. Grace Victor, Director, School of Nursing. While presenting the graduating class Mrs. Victor said that a real period of learning starts now for the graduates as they start functioning as responsible nurses in various departments of the hospital.

Mr. A. Surya Prakash Rao led the Prayer of consecration for the graduates followed by the consecration song sung by them.

In the lamp lighting service Miss Divya Jyothi J. spoke on "Let your lights so shine before men that they may see your work, and glorify your father which is in heaven".

Mrs. Nirmala Alfred, pinned the school badges to the new graduates.

Mr. S.Y. Dass proposed a vote of thanks in which he paid glowing tributes to the person in Nursing robes and praised Jesus the saviour of the world for such boon to the suffering world. The ceremony came to an end with closing Prayer for the new graduates and benediction by Rev. O. George Gnanayudam followed by Recessional Hymn "Give of your best to the master".

Nursing Procedures : Adaptations

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MANY a time we nurses have to adopt Nursing procedures. Once in a while a thoughtful nurse may come out with a new method to do the same procedure in a better way. Given below are few examples which our nurses have come out with.

1. To Give Ryle's Tube Feeding

—Make sure that the Ryle's tube is in the stomach.

—Fill the Ryle's tube with plain water.

—Pinch the free end and dip it in the strained fluid to be given and release it.

—Keep the fluid container at a height of 12-14".

—See that the tip of the Ryle's tube is always dipped in the fluid, to avoid air entry.

—Pinch the tip just before the fluid finishes, and dip the end in one ounce of plain water.

—Pinch the tip just before the water finishes and tie the end.

Principle is that of Siphon.

2. To Give Cold Sponge

—Use lukewarm to give sponge to a febrile patient. *Principle* is that warm water promotes peripheral vasodilation. It adds to the comfort of the patient.

3. To Measure Hourly Urine Output when Using Bottles Graduated in 100 mls.

—Stick an elastoplast ($\frac{1}{2} \times 8$ "), to the outside of the bottle.

—Copy the 100 ml markings.

—Divide each 100 ml portion into 10 equal subdivisions, thus making 10 ml graduations.

—Every hour record the urine output from the bottle level.

—Record both the level in the bottle and hourly output to avoid confusion.

—Empty the bottle when urine reaches 500 ml.

Principle: Decreasing break in the closed drainage system minimises urinary tract infection. Also it saves Nursing time.

4. To Give Steam Inhalation to Uncooperative/Disoriented Patients.

—Take boiled water in Nelson's inhaler, to a level below the spout.

—Connect a disposable polythene mask to the mouthpiece using a connection tube.

—Fit an Ambu bag to the spout of the inhaler, using another connection tube.

—Fit the polythene mask over the patient's nose and mouth.

—Use Ambu bag to ventilate the patient with the steam from the inhaler.

Conclusion

These procedures are not based upon any research studies. But from our practical experience, these are found to be effective.

Appeal for ICN's Revolving Fund

The Revolving Fund of International Council of Nurses was established a few years back. Through this fund ICN provides financial support to its member associations facing difficulties in paying their dues to ICN. This financial support is given to the member association as a loan.

Contributions are welcome from National Nurses' Associations as well as individual members at any time. We request our members, particularly those working abroad to kindly extend their help in this campaign.

Donations may be sent to the International Council of Nurses, 3 Place Jean Marteau, 1201, Geneva, Switzerland.

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