

ABANDONED PATIENT IN EMERGENCY ROOM: MANAGEMENT BY INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM

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ABSTRACT

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KEYWORDS: Abandoned Patient, Social Work, Care Team.

INTRODUCTION

There are several patient need for health care and visit to the medical center in each day. However, some patients might be brought to the medical center and abandoned by the caregiver and this becomes a new important problem in the present era. The vulnerable groups of patients that might be abandoned are the infant [1], the elder and the disable (such as post stroke patient [2]). The role of interdisciplinary care team for management of this problem in discussed in this article.

CASE SCENARIO

An old male with paralysis post brain stroke was brought to the emergency room (ER) by his wife for wound care. However, his wife disappeared after brought the patient to the ER. The patient's wife could not be contact via mobile phone or other media. Also, when the health care worker, the home visit team, visit to the patient's home, it appears that everyone in the house already moved to the other place.

This case is further managed by the social welfare worker team. The notification of the local administrative unit is done and the patient is finally moved to get the care by the Public Social Welfare Development Center for Older Persons.

DISCUSSION

The abandoned patient becomes emerging problem in several countries. Due to the social and economical stress, the physical limited patients get high risk for being abandoned. The unethical bad care giver might abandon the patient or perform patient abuse. The role of the health care management is very complete.

Not only medical issue but also paramedical and non-medical issue must be discussed. The social welfare work is required for primary management of the case. Nevertheless, the good legal control for prevention of the problem is exactly required.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

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