

# Care of patient

## **Care of patient in radiology is not a constant subject :**

- Development in radiology grown faster , technologist must deal with this development and their new aspect on care of patient
- Care of patient can never placed within the function of mechanical progress and must be remain in the human hands of technologist

## **The basic structures not changed in patient care :**

- The patient and R.T must seen in relation to the hospital as a whole
- The patient is the reason for the existence of whole organization which has no life , no purpose , no value without him . This makes him the most important person in the hospital .

- As the hospital personnel share the common purpose of being there to serve patient , so the patient have in common the feature of being in need of help .
- The responsibility which R.T carry for the patients having three branches:
  - 1. Clinical responsibilities**
  - 2. Ethical responsibilities**
  - 3. Legal responsibilities**

# Clinical responsibilities

- To meet their clinical responsibility , technologist need some knowledge of many practical procedures in the care of patient such as pathology and diseases processes , first aid , it also necessary to know patient psychological state.
- To the patient ,the many individuals with whom he comes in contact represent the hospital, whether it is good or bad , depends not only on what is actually done for him but also upon the way in which it is done.

- The response of patient to treatment may be influenced by his response to environment. His general impression must be significantly formed by sum of individuals who serve him while he is in the hospital.
- There are two separate aspects of R.T with which the patient will be concerned:-
  1. He will want to be reassured of personnel qualities
  2. He will want to be reassured of professional capabilities .

- Personnel qualities required are that R.T should be of these characters :

1. Sympathetic

2. Understanding

3. Cheerful

4. Interested in the patient

# Ethical responsibilities

- Ethics may defined as the science of human duty in its widest extent. understanding of it , makes technologist as a professional person . It is important factor in the relation between patient and R.T
- We recognize that we have both :
  - **Human needs**
  - **Professional obligation**

There are two elements in ethical responsibilities:

1. Not to reveal information about patient
2. Radiation hazard ( all patient receive the smallest dose which is necessary )

# Legal responsibility

- **The medico-legal responsibility of R.T is most likely to be brought into question when something has gone wrong . It is however important that these aspects are fully understood and they may be considered under three headings:**
  - 1. Breach of professional confidence**
  - 2. Negligence**
  - 3. Procedure in the event of an accident**



# Procedure done in an accident

- 1. Care for the victim:** should be given immediately, procedure in first aid and treatment is done according to the status
- 2. Reporting the accident :** it is means giving a report of the accident to the superintendent or senior technologist in charge .
- 3. Recording the accident :** is of considerable importance , hospital has a form for this purpose . It is statistical and legal document

# The Patient Care Partnership

- **What to expect during your hospital**
  1. High quality hospital care
  2. A clean and safe environment
  3. Involvement in your care
  4. Protection of your privacy
  5. Help when leaving the hospital
  6. Help with your billing claims
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