

Importance of focusing on the daily motion of patients with stroke

To provide appropriate care, nurses assess and understand the symptoms of patients. Generally, nurses consider the symptoms according to their knowledge of pathophysiology. Patients with stroke usually cannot perceive, move, and respond properly. Such patients might also have other individual, minor symptoms. Herein we present the case of an elderly female patient who had slight impairments in perception and movement on the right side. Though she felt discouraged, she strived to continue her daily life independently. Further, she complained of severe pain due to a small ulcer on her right fifth toe. This ulcer was caused by tinea infection that had occurred between her toes, which were often close to each other because of wearing antiembolism stockings. Given that nurses assessed for other health issues under their care, they also provided care for the patient's ulcer and tinea infection. Here we discuss structural thinking of nurses, focusing on the patient's motion.



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