

Multidisciplinary Working: The Next Step

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The positive effect of motivation in the battle against the workload during the Covid-19 pandemic has been a support to overcome the state of alert caused by the overflow of patients in all kinds of cure demand.

There was an attitude of effective thinking which led to the inset of a multidisciplinary working system: Care workers discovered how colleagues took over some duties elsewhere.

Now that the pandemic has changed its state of alert in a less demanding situation we have to consider to use this way of working solution in a more stabilized way. Multidisciplinary working needs a protocol providing not only the organization of it but also the financial consequences.

The number of examples show enough success of the idea: The University Medical Centre Utrecht in the Netherlands putting optometric students from the Utrecht Hoge School in the polyclinic care of eye-patients. They learned that effective work-schemes with the inclusion of the right providers will bring a new order in the system: A new objective has been noticed: the right person on the right place!

Research groups have done extensive studies in the possibility of putting nurses, therapists patients, budget, housing conditions together in an integrative cohesion for the different groups of patients of progressive neurological diseases.

It appeared desirable that systemic services adjusted to the needs and expectations of the patients ask for the inset of recurrent communication and integration of locally available services. The best results will be obtained when medical expertise can be provided as a continuous support.

Such a multidisciplinary system may provide optimal care for the short-term-out-patients as well as for the long-term-outpatients. This will occur for patients for example for the follow-up of COVID-19 patients or patients suffering with autoimmune neurologic illnesses. Co-ordination and anticipation of the needs of the patient remain the important factors leading to the appreciation of the participants [1-7].

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