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BEST PRACTICE-1

1. Title of the Practice: INCULCATING SOCIAL VALUES THROUGH BLOOD DONATION AND GROUPING

Objectives of the Practice:

Following are some of the objectives of practice –

- To promote social responsibilities among students.
- To help good number of needy patients.
- To educate students on health consciousness.
- To enhance the goodwill of the Institution.
- To facilitate quantum of blood at Blood Bank of RIMS, IMA and reputed hospitals.
- To boost confidence among students for these holistic contributions.
- To generate database of students to identify blood groups.
- To organize awareness programme at neighbourhood community.

2. The Context

Good number of villagers and neighbouring community of Raichur city regularly affected with dengue, malaria, anaemia, etc. The Government hospitals are striving their best to provide medical support and help to the economically weaker section of the society. The entire Raichur district is supported with only 02 Blood Banks i.e., at RIMS (Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences) and IMA. The outcome of the survey made through


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volunteers of YRC identified that, the availability of different blood groups as required for needy patients is insufficient at the time of dire need. This has prompted the YRC to extend their services to collect required blood group through blood donation and grouping activities to ensure the survival of patients.

With the active support of Principal, the YRC unit of the college started medical check-up camp for our students and neighbourhood community, encouraging students and motivating them about social commitment to become helpline to the patients by contributing their quantum of blood as a good citizen of the country.

3. The Practice:

In addition to the implementation of the objectives of YRC, in collaboration with Zoology, Micro biology and Biotechnology conducted good number of activities for our students and neighbourhood community.

College has regularly invited medical practitioners (i.e., doctors from reputed medical hospitals) to deliver special lecture on health consciousness, benefit of donating blood and also importance of blood grouping. In addition to these activities, in association with IMA and RIMS, college has regularly conducted Blood donation and grouping activities from our students and neighbourhood community. The convener of the YRC circulates the said activities to all the students of the


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college and motivate good number of students to volunteer themselves to come forward to identify his / her physical fitness and able to contribute quantum of blood during Blood donation and grouping activities.

The medical team from RIMS and IMA given prior intimation to organize such activities. During the event, every student is checked with physical fitness, weight and health condition. Only after getting qualified such students are eligible to donate blood. Student who donates their blood, they are provided a certificate from the RIMS or IMA. The YRC also keep the track record of blood grouping of the students to enable the Institution to facilitate the needy patient in the dire need.

Similarly, during NSS special camp, in coordination with Primary Health Centre, Raichur, the convener of YRC along with student volunteers organizes blood donation and grouping to enlighten the villagers, farmers about health consciousness and also to know their blood group. To cite an example, during the assessment period, college has conducted such activities at Sidrampura, Bolamanadoddi, Bijanagera villages.

In addition to the students, even some of the staff of the college, members of the Management actively involved and donated blood with utmost


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dedication and commitment. For these noble activities of the college, received the appreciations by the officials of RIMS and IMA regularly.

College also created a helpline on Institutional website and also provide the information to RIMS and IMA so as to enable patients to contact the convener of the YRC in seeking necessary blood donor. Once the phone call received by the needy to the Convener, YRC, ensures to provide suitable donor to RIMS or IMA on priority basis within half an hour so as to enable such patient to get timely help.

4.Evidence of Success

The overall impact of the activities resulted in saving good number of patients. Following are some of the evidences of claiming this practice.

- This practice is very much impacted from the academic year 2018-19 to till date. The helpline which is made available at RIMS, IMA and college website enabled needy patients to get their required blood group.
- During the assessment period, the medical team of RIMS and IMA have collected 350 ml of blood per unit and accordingly every year college has track record of 97, 122, 128-and 139-units during assessment period consecutively (i.e., 2018-19 to 2022-23).
- The overall impression of the awareness programme motivated remaining students to come forward to take part in these activities.
- One of the patients who was on dire need of rare blood group AB^{ve}, college could able to provide through suitable donor for more than 3 times.



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- College has received appreciation letters from the RIMS and IMA. This has given motivation to YRC volunteers effectively to involve in such holistic activities.

5. Problems Encountered and Resources:

Though initially it was a challenging task by the YRC, however, with the active support of Principal and cooperation of every staff of the college, the overall activities could able to conduct effectively. Students were hesitant to come forward initially but referring to their classmate active involvement, motivated remaining students to volunteer themselves to undergo medical check up processes and donated blood. This practice has enabled the credibility of the Institution in and around the vicinity of Raichur city and also facilitated needy patients at the time of dire need.


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