

**Notes on Practical Nursing.****NURSES' ORDER OF WARD WORK,**

King's College Hospital.

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**MEDICINES.**—Medicines to be given by Sister or Staff Nurse, Probationers only when instructed to do so. Three-hourly Medicines, 9, 12, 3, 6. Four-hourly Medicines, 10, 2, 6. Six-hourly Medicines, 8, 2, or 12, 6. T. d. s. Medicines, 8, 2, 8. (Or as otherwise ordered.)

**MEDICAL STAFF.**—Patients are not to talk during the visit of the Medical Staff.

**NIGHT NURSES.**—The Staff Nurse must not leave the Ward, the Probationer obtaining the Night Sister, who is to be sent for on the admission of a new Patient; or for any important change in the Patient's condition; or for anything unusual. In emergency, the Resident Medical Officer to be whistled for at once; the Night Sister to be sent for afterwards.

Temperatures are to be taken, and Medicines and Stimulants to be given by the Staff Nurse; Probationers only when instructed to do so.

Steam Kettles and Fires to be attended to by Probationer.

Staff Nurse to assist in giving B.Ps.

Poultices, Fomentations, and Dressings by Staff Nurse and Probationer equally.

Between 1 and 4 a.m. Probationer (in the Single Wards the Staff Nurse) to wash thoroughly *every night*, all utensils for secretions with Chlorinated Soda in water.

Night Nurses to give basins round at 6.15 a.m., to those Patients who can wash themselves, clearing the basins if possible by 7 a.m.; and such Patients' backs to be washed for them, spirit and powder being used, unless otherwise ordered by Ward Sister.

Patients' shirts and night-gowns to be stripped to waist.

Patients are not to wash in the Lavatory.

Staff Nurse to see that Patients for operation, if allowed, be bathed between 6.30 and 8.30 a.m.

**NURSES' REPORT.**—Nurses' Report to be given at 8.30 a.m. and 7 or 8 p.m.

**ORDER OF WARD.**—Ward to be kept in perfect order, beds tidy; drawsheets drawn by 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Ward lights, except those absolutely required, to be turned out at 8 p.m., and those left for use to be put out at day-break.

**PATIENTS.**—It is earnestly desired that Patients ordered up, do not get up until the Ward Sister is on duty at 8.30 a.m., if it can possibly be

avoided; any departure from this request, as in the case of special order, discharged Patients and Patients wishing to attend the early Chapel Service, to be notified in the Night Chart Book.

**PATIENTS' BATHING.**—There shall be time allowed during the morning, but not before 6.30 a.m., and during the evening for bathing Patients who may be bathed. In the Male Wards a Porter to be sent for if Patient is unable to bath himself, or a fellow-Patient's assistance may be obtained. Patients who can wash themselves, but who are unable to take baths, must have their feet and legs washed once a week at least, or oftener, as arranged by Ward Sister.

**PATIENTS' DISCHARGE.**—When a Patient is discharged, headboard, locker, and bedstead to be thoroughly cleaned by Probationers, and carbolic acid to be used when necessary.

**PATIENTS' LOCKERS.**—Staff Nurse to see that Patients' lockers do not contain anything contrary to the rules of the Hospital.

Patients' lockers to be dusted out every evening by Probationer.

Papers, books, etc., under pillows are forbidden; curl papers and such like to be discouraged as much as possible.

A barber is employed to shave and cut hair of Patients in the Male Wards—Infectious Patients excepted.

**HOURS FOR PATIENTS' MEALS.**—(1) Breakfast, 6 a.m. (Patients are not to be allowed to converse before 6 a.m.); (2) Lunch, 9 a.m.; (3) Dinner, 12.15 mid-day; (4) Tea, 4 p.m. (on Lecture days at 3.45 p.m.); (5) Supper, 6.30 p.m.

Probationers to clear lockers after each meal. After dinner, children's hands and faces to be washed, the Staff Nurse assisting if necessary.

**POULTICES.**—Poultices to be undertaken in each Ward by Probationers, Staff Nurse supervising and assisting when necessary.

Four-hourly Poultices, 8, 12, 4. Six-hourly Poultices, 8, 2. At Night, changed at 12 mid-night and 4 a.m. (Or as otherwise ordered.)

**PRAYERS.**—Prayers to be said at 7.15 p.m., or before 8 p.m.

**SCREENS.**—Screens are to be used when Patients are being attended to, except when the Ward is closed to the public, then a screen may be put across the door; dressing gowns always to be used when Patients go either to the lavatory or to the bath-room.

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THE Charing Cross Hospital Exhibit at the Woman's Exhibition, Earl's Court, is now on view. We hope to give a full account of it next week.

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