



Nurse Anaesthetist, Makeni

What has been your use of the library?

The library has been so much instrumental to me because currently I am pursuing a BSc degree in Public Health, and most often I visit the library to borrow books and at the same time I use the table here to do some reading. So I think I have been able to do most of my assignments using the library.

Have the books been appropriate?

Yes most of them, only that we need more books especially in the area of public health, because we are now having a university here in Makeni and both Universities are offering public health at BSc. So I have even informed some of my colleagues that we have a hospital library here which has a lot of books so they are ready to be visiting the library. So only that we need more books at least.

Do you use the library for your clinical job?

Yes because we sometimes use anaesthetist books here for review.

Can you give me an example of when something you have read in the library has impacted on your patient care?

Sometime ago my boss borrowed a book here on anaesthetist techniques, so I happened to make use of it, especially the area of patient care after anaesthesia.

What happened?

It improved my knowledge. There are certain things that I have forgotten that I was able to remind myself while reading.

Did that change how you managed the patient?

Yes, there are certain procedures which we want to forget but when you read that brings you back to the meaning of the actual thing so I was able to address it and make some reforms.

Can you give me an example of a reform that you made?

Like, in the area of spinal anaesthesia, I think I remember one time, we have read in other books that it is more good for patient to sit up whilst giving anaesthesia, but sometimes we also learned that patients can also be in the lateral position and you can still apply as long as you know your landmarks.

Do you have any feedback for us on how the library might be improved?

My feedback or recommendation is for you people to help us expand this library so that it may accommodate a lot of books. Even as we are speaking we have a nursing school and their students they do come here for clinical placements and sometimes we force them to come to the library and we give them assignments and we recommend that they should come to the library to make reference of the library books.

Books from this library?

Yes. So if we expand the library I think that will go a long way.

Have the library resources helped you in your lecturing?

Of course, some time ago I came here to get a book pertaining to surgical emergencies as I was helping them with surgical nursing. I was able to gather a lot of materials from that book.

What do you think this library adds to the hospital?

The library, of course having a library in the hospital it adds to improvement of patient care because sometimes we refer to the library for certain cases and even the doctors I believe they are making use of this library in terms of their clinical practice. They will sometimes come here to take books pertaining to clinical practice and so they are also improving their clinical aspect.

What would happen if the library was not here?

It would have been a bit difficult because all the references we are making now it would not be possible without the library, but with the library in the hospital I think it goes a long way in improving our knowledge and also patient care.

Have you seen any other examples of patient care improving as a result of the library being here?

As I am talking to you now we use these books here when it comes to research because we have clinical meetings every Friday that we call, we do presentations and most of the time we come here to access material. Even for our nursing community sometimes we do our presentations. I remember the last presentation [name] came here and got a video.

What is your favourite book?

For this one Environmental Health of course it entails a lot about how to upkeep the environment and as a public health student a major area of public health is disease prevention even though sometimes there is an amount of curative also, but disease prevention is the most paramount thing as far as public health is concerned and this one is talking about environmental sanitation and all the rest of it. If we can be able to keep our environment safe, dramatically some preventable diseases could be prevented. So to me it entails a lot.