Tongji cancer center held the 3rd session of PICC concern group

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The medical staff gave a speech

The 3rd Session of PICC Concern Group in Tongji Cancer Center was held in the classroom of Tongji Cancer Center on April 17th, 2013.

PICC (peripherally inserted central catheter) is a new technique which is widely adopted in Chinese hospitals soon after it was invented. The technique need smooth cooperation of medical staff and patients. Therefore Tongji Cancer Center has launched the PICC Concern Group since 2012. The 3rd session of concern group was hosted by Fengju Chen, the chief head nurse of Tongji Cancer Center. More than 30 patients and their care givers participated in the group. The agenda of the concern group included two parts. Firstly, some medical staffs from PICC Department, Tongji Hospital, gave a speech on the profits and adverse effects of PICC, the daily maintenance, and the emergencies. The lecturer took advantage of multimedia so as to make the context easier for the patients and their care givers, some of whom came from economically underdeveloped areas with a low literacy. Secondly, some patients who had been inserted central catheter before and were familiar with the technique, jointed with the medical staff, were invited to answer questions provided by other patients and care givers. The experiences from patients got a little bit more down to

earth. The concern group was highly praised by patients and their care givers.

In the PICC technique, the central catheter is inserted to superior vena cava through uninjured side of basilica vein or median cubital vein before the patients receive chemotherapy. The peripheral veins are protected from irritations of chemotherapy, thus has a lower risk for phlebitis. The pain is also obviously alleviated, providing a better quality life of patients. Tongji Cancer Center was one of the hospital firstly adopted the new technique in south-central China. It has been a standard operative procedure that PICC is told to patients and given, if they agree, before they are given chemotherapy with a high risk of

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phlebitis. The catheter could be indwelled for more than six months if it could be well daily maintained, whereas the infections and embolisms could be vital. Therefore it needs patients' awareness. PICC Concern Group is aimed to provide a more considerate and comprehensive of services to patients. The communications between medical staff and patients help patients maintain their catheters. What's more, the group fits the concept of "high-quality nursing service demonstration project", which is been developing by Ministry of Health and Tongji Hospital.