

INTRODUCTION

Nursing in Nepal has been one of the major choices of female science students of plus 2 and also SLC passed students. In recent years statistics show that nursing education is the next big thing and the heart-throb of female students. Many students willing to get their hands on into the field of Medicine and healthcare are attracted to studying nursing in Nepal. Nursing study is easily accessible, widely spread and heavily on demand with the rise of healthcare industry in the country. Although the quality of education and training received is questionable.

The exposure of intensive care setting during the nursing education in Nepal is almost Nonexistence. Most of the times, nurses visiting the ICU for the first time are lost and have no idea what is happening. The BASIC for Nurses Training bridges that gap of knowledge and exposure to critical care setting. The training involves presentation and practical demonstration skill stations.



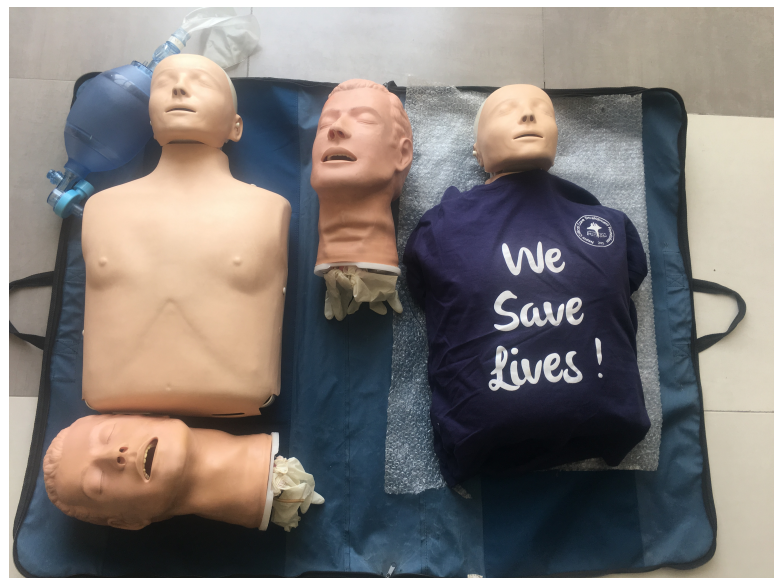
Basic Assessment and Support in Intensive Care (BASIC) for Nurses is the course formulated by The Department of Anesthesia & Intensive Care at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. BASIC for Nurses aims to give the new ICU nurse the knowledge and skills needed to safely

look after the critically ill patient. Nepal Critical Care Development Foundation (NCCDF) has trained a set of instructor nurses to conduct the training in Nepal, and the foundation holds the right to conduct BASIC for Nurses trainings in Nepal.

NCCDF since its establishment has been active in developing critical care medicine and ICU services in Nepal. The foundation emphasizes on the need to develop critical care nursing for the development of critical care field in the country and thus focuses on education part. The foundation has successfully conducted nine sessions of BASIC for Nurses trainings in Kathmandu, Chitwan, Biratnagar, Pokhara, Jhapa and Dhulikhel. So far more than three hundred nurses have benefited from the training. The training has been conducted at tertiary medical centers because of the requirement of manikins in the skill stations, and its unavailability has restricted us from conducting sessions at the other parts of the country. The expensive nature of such manikins has hindered the training sessions. The foundation seeks support from your organization for procurement of the manikins needed for trainings.

Simulation in BASIC for Nurses Training:

Simulation is well recognized and increasingly commonplace education tool for healthcare professionals. Advances in technology have led to a wide variety of training methods, utilizing equipment ranging from low-fidelity models for skill practice to the high fidelity manikins used in simulation centers for scenario based learning.



The Skills Stations on the second half on both the days of training focuses on use of manikins to enhance realism and validity, improve working relationships, and decrease the anxiety that some

practitioners associate with traditional training. So simulation is important in BASIC for Nurses training to improve performance of technical and non-technical skills.

Thank you ANMF for providing us with the funds to purchase the manikins required for the trainings. Now the foundation is fully equipped to conduct trainings at different parts of the country. Clinical Simulation is being increasingly used as an effective experiential teaching tool when training health care



professionals. ANMF Nepal provided the funds in two installments; the first installment was not enough to purchase the manikins so we had to wait until we received the last installment to purchase the manikins. Initially to conduct the trainings, we had to request manikins from other hospital and was troublesome at most times. Now we no longer faces the this difficult situation. The foundation has now bought wide body CPR manikins, Airway management /intubation manikins and full body manikins.