

# Application of Clinical Photography on Wound Documentation in General Out-patient Clinic (GOPC)

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## INTRODUCTION

Clinical photography has been widely applied in hospitals for better communication in patient's care. However, this technology has not been applied in GOPCs due to the absence of HA Wi-Fi. Accurate wound documentation is essential for communication among healthcare professionals for continuity of wound care. In fact, it is difficult to describe wound condition especially complicated or multiple wound sites in words. Wound photography can capture and present the details about actual condition of wound that offers a solution to the limitation of written documentation for wound description. In view of the necessity to improve the wound documentation, the clinical photo album that connects to Clinical Management System was piloted in Fanling Family Medicine Centre in November 2019.

## METHOD

Plan-Do-Check-Act method was adopted as the management tool for implementation of clinical photo album system. A working group that consisted of nursing management, wound nurses and frontline staff was set up to study the feasibility on the application of clinical photo album in GOPCs. The first act was to get the support from the Information Technology Team and Central Nursing Division for installation of wireless networking, software and iPad devices. Briefing of guidelines and demonstration on use of the clinical photo album apps with reference guide cue card were conducted to ensure that all nurses know how to use iPad Cam for wound photography. A survey was conducted to evaluate the application of photo album among frontline nursing staff.

## TIMELINE

OCT/2019

IT & CND support



NOV/2019

Guideline & demonstration to all nurses



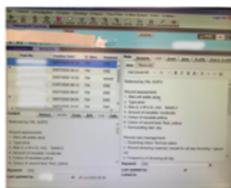
DEC/2019

Evaluation survey



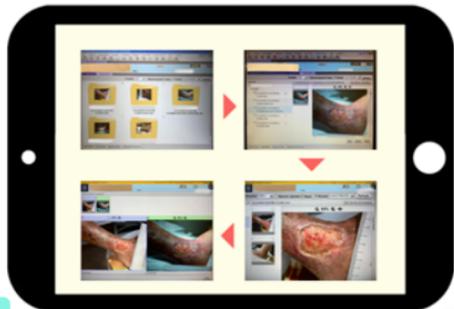
## RESULTS

Nursing notes & templates in clinic



Plus

## New Photo Album



## CONCLUSION

The project will be rolled out to other GOPCs in New Territories East Cluster.

