Education Of Children As Surgical Patients

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Abstract

I read with interest the book review on "All About anesthesia" [1]. I recently presented a poster about children education based on children books in Arabic language adapted by me in the form of simple story on a child going to hospital for surgical operation narrating the events and describing the persons he will meet and those who take care of him. Chronic Diseases in Childhood made many children submitted at one stage to surgical Intervention sometimes frequently they are presented to theaters. Educational trial to make the child familiar with the hospital environment is practiced in many hospitals around the world. Neurosurgical patient going frequently for operation is an example of such condition unfortunately children are common patients to undergo many procedures which necessitate many trips to theaters. We present an Arabic text story of a child going to theater introducing to him the environment the hospital staff he will encountered during his hospital stay. Special note were written regarding anesthesia circuits and the anesthesia experience. There is another booklet to be colored by the patient to intensify the experience of pleasant memory. Another booklet is intended for the young patient to color printed personnel of the hospital stay story. [2]

Figure 1

Figure 1: The introduction to the name and functions to byrse, doctor, operating room nurse and anesthesia staff [from right to left]



Figure 2

Figure 2: The young Saudi patient of the story describes the steps of going into hospital and preparations for surgery. There is emphasis on the function of different hospital staff encountered in simple way.



Figure 3

Figure 3: The nurse, the trip to operating theatre preparations.



Figure 4

Figure 4: The anesthesia circuit and the balloon used to have surgical and then the goodies after operation.



There is much emphasis on patient education and knowledge of adult patients as part od their basic rights [3, 4] Children as well need special care and time to let them understand the surgical and anesthetic experience. I would invite all parties parents hospital staff and educators to take notice of children need to have correct descriptions of acceptable information about the hospital stay.

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