

Abstract

My bachelor's dissertation concerns the nurse's role in patient education after chest operations. The theoretical section explains not only the concept of patient education, its use and realisation in Public Healthcare, but also the forms and methods of education. Included is a summary of the most common chest operations, their short clarification and possible post - operative complications. I will also briefly describe the nurse's tasks before and after the operation. The practical section involves structured interviews with patients after chest operations. The aim of the interviews was to find out what information patients were lacking and how well they remembered important details given to them by a nurse. The interviews also contain satisfactory reviews on the nurse's role in patient education after chest operations. The aim of my study was to find out if the nurse's role in patient education was productive. Based on the results, my intention was to suggest better practices both for improving patient education and also to perfect the nurse's role in post - operative care. A superior, comprehensive and individual approach is the key to faster and more complete patient recovery and his/ hers return home.

Key words: education, post-operative care, post-operative complications, patient satisfaction.