



Community Safety Walk-Rounds; An Extended Strategy for Community Safety Promotion

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Dear Editor,

Safety is one of the most challengeable issues in urban management. Safety promotion has been defined as a process for ensuring existence and maintenance of a condition, which is required to an acceptable level of safety (1). Structural and behavioral changes in the community through inter-sectoral collaboration are necessary for safety promotion. The process would be used at various levels of international, national, and local with a top-down or bottom-up approach (2).

Similarly, safety is one of the most important issues in health systems, especially in hospitals. Beside various strategies for safety promotion at hospitals, Patient Safety Leadership Walk-Rounds (PSLWs) have attracted more attentions. The PSLW is a process, in which a multidisciplinary team of hospital managers with frontline staff participation identify, discuss, and plan the initiatives to eliminate the safety issues (3, 4). Literature has reported PSLW as an effective strategy for hospitals safety promotion (5-7). This strategy could also be used in other settings. With an extension, PSLW strategy can be used in urban management as community safety walk-rounds (CSWs).

Furthermore, CSW could be defined as a participatory process, in which community leaders such as Mayor, Traffic Police and etc., come to the community and identify, discuss, and plan the safety promotion initiatives with the participation of the local people. This process not only increases the inter-sectoral collaboration and community organizations responsiveness, yet also brings public participation in community safety promotion. Moreover, it changes “safety” as a public demand in communities, which leads to community safety promotion. Considering that “safe community” concept has been introduced as an international community safety promotion

approach (8, 9), CSW could be used as a new strategy to obtain greater commitment and support of community policymakers. Because of community leaders’ participation, CSWs leads to more sustainable community safety promotion.

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