# B.Pharm VII Semester BP- 703 T, Pharmacy Practice

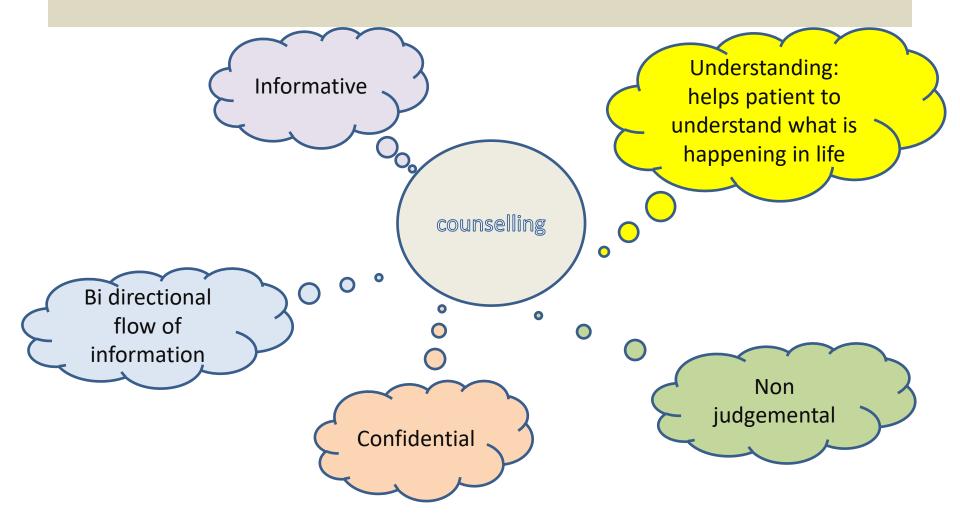
#### **Topic: Patient counselling**

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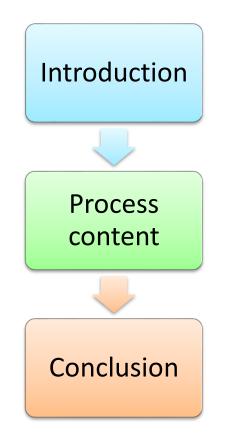
### Patient counselling

 It is a technique of providing information regarding the disease, medication, life style changes, diet etc. to patient in oral or written format.

## Key points of counselling



#### **Stages of Patient counselling**



# Introduction

- Review the patient file.
- Introduce yourself to the patient like name, designation.
- Explain the purpose of counseling.
- Obtain drug related information try to understand allergy of patients with some drug or not or they are having herbal medicine.
- Listen to the problem of patients and try to find out whether patients understand the purpose of counseling.

#### Process content

- Discuss disease related facts with patients
- Explain these facts in simple word and logical order like what is disease, purpose of medicine, timing of dosing and then side effects.
- Explain Counseling aids in very simple language.
- Ask open ended questions for feedback and understand patient's psychology.

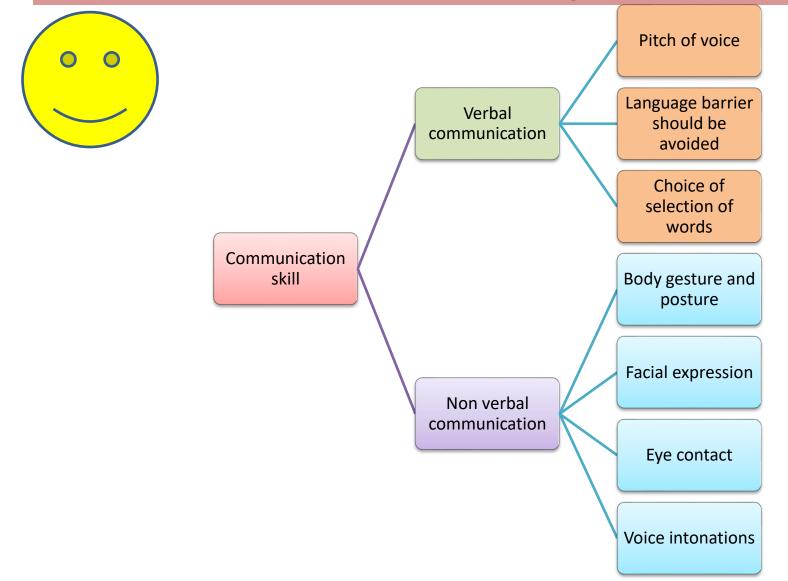
## Conclusion

- At the end of meeting, ask open ended questions regarding counseling with patients.
- Emphasis the main points of counseling at end.
- Provide 1 or 2 minutes to patients so as if he/ she wants to know something he can ask.
- Discuss the follow up plan like how he can make contact for future purpose.

# Motive of Patient counselling

- Patient understands the importance of medication.
- Develop a better between health care provider and patient relationship for proper consultation
- Patients understanding of strategies to deal with drug interactions should be improved.
- Ensure better patient compliance
- Patient participate actively in self care management.
- Minimize of chances of drug interactions and ADR
- Offer pharmaceutical care

# Communication skill at time of counselling



#### When is Patient counselling required?

- Patient receiving more than one specified number of medication i.e., patients on multiple drug therapy (Usually more than 5 formulations at a time)
- Patients with literacy problem.
- Patients with visual impairment
- Pediatric patients need counseling, counsel the parents in such case
- Geriatric patients

#### Patients on anti asthmatic

- Patients on anti diabetic
- Patients using special instruments
- Patients who are mentally ill
- Patients who miss used drugs
- Patient with skin problems
- Patient who are terminally ill
- Patients on anticoagulant, anti TB , anti cancer explain them interaction with other drugs

#### **Benefits of counselling**

