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Topic: Patient counselling

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Learning objectives

- What is Patient counselling?
- What are the stages of Patient counselling?
- What is the motive of Patient counselling?
- What are key aspects of communication skill during counselling?
- When counselling is required?
- What are the benefits of counselling?

Outcome

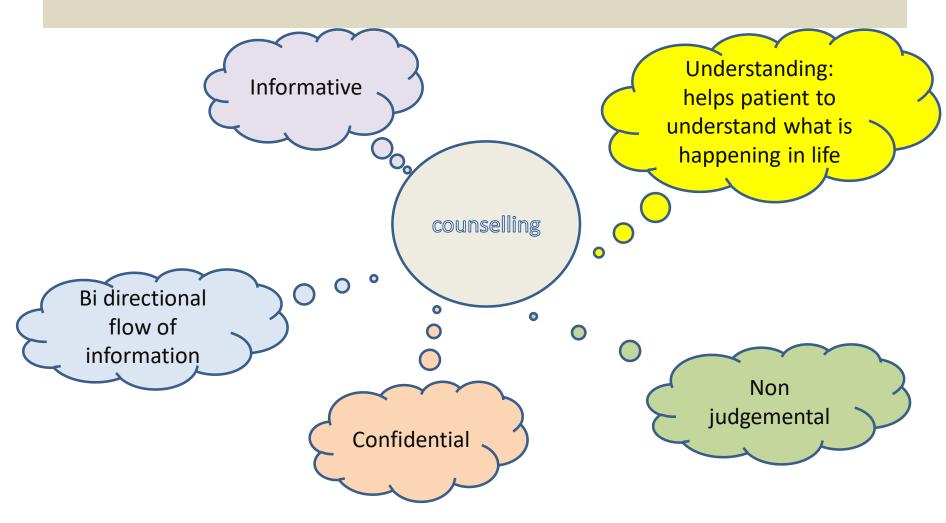
After going through the slide the learner would be able to answer

- 1. Patient counselling
- 2. Stages of counselling
- 3. Motive of counselling
- 4. Key aspects of communication skill during counselling
- 5. Situation that require Patient counselling
- 6. Benefits of counselling

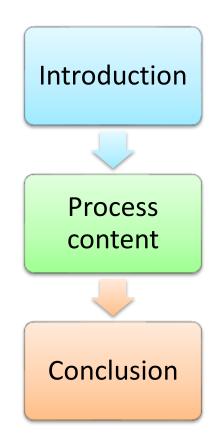
Patient counselling

 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.

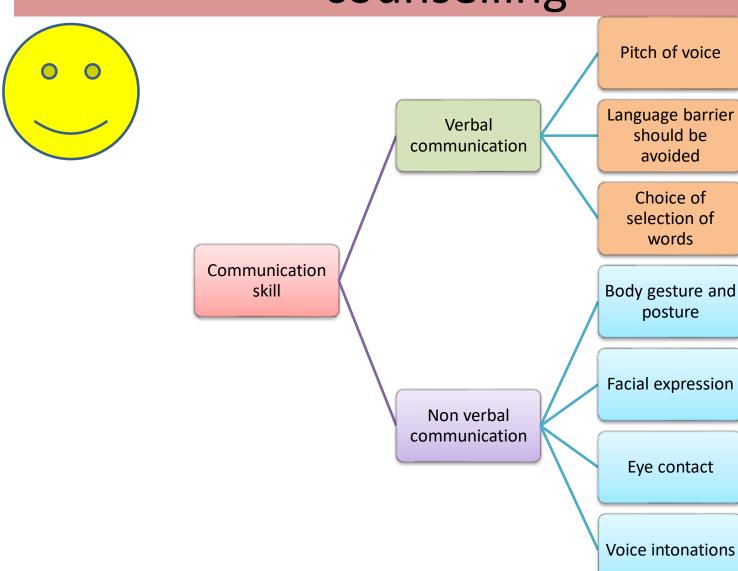
Conclusion

- 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

