

PREPARING THE PRIMARY CARE TEAMS TO DOMICILIARY STEP OF KANGAROO METHOD: CARE SHARED BETWEEN HOSPITAL AND PRIMARY CARE TEAMS

Introduction: Training teams of primary health care (PHC) for shared care in the domiciliary stage of the Kangaroo method ensures quality care to newborns discharged from ICU and their parents. These professional qualifications become important especially in poor places with the worst health indicators, such as the state of Maranhão, Brazil.

Objective: To report the experience of training the PHC teams for shared care in the domiciliary step of Kangaroo Method. **Methods:** This is an experience report on the training of tutors for shared care between hospital and primary care teams in the domiciliary stage

of the Kangaroo Method. **Results:** The Policy of Humanized Care to Newborns - The Kangaroo Method, builds a care line that initiates at identification of the gestational risk in a Basic Health Unit and, after birth, accompanies the baby's trajectory from neonatology service to home. Then, the baby shall be accompanied by the Specialized Outpatient Clinic Unit and the Basic Health Unit in the domiciliary stage of the Kangaroo method. From 2010 to 2012 it has been offered 05 tutors courses to professionals from Maranhão State Primary Care Units and 160 professionals were trained . The program was, then, enhanced and from 2013 to 2016, 24 kangaroo sensibilization courses for 764 Primary Care professionals from various municipalities were carried out. These professionals changed their attitudes from the courses and felt they were able to care for newborn egressed from NICU.

Conclusion: The training of PHC professionals is an important strategy for the follow-up of infants and their families. The Primary Health Care teams are important allies to ensure the reduction of mortality, especially in the most remote and poorest areas.

SUBJECT: Implementation / Practice

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