



## Parish Nursing: A New Dawn in the Nursing Horizon

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### Editorial

"The trained nurse has become one of the great blessings of humanity, taking a place beside physician and priest"- William Osler

The above quote does hold the key as modern day nursing needs to give equal impetus to both clinical diagnosis and caregiver's role afterwards with special emphasis on the emotional as well as spiritual dimensions.

In modern day medical practice, the importance of nurses is critical with the advent of advanced technologies. However, medicines facilitate the patients to overcome from the disease but caregivers do provide the emotional support that's even more important as far as the overall prognosis is concerned.

With so many radiating wings going towards the different parts of modern nursing care, one of the fascinating branches is parish nursing. This particular wing of nursing fraternity chiefly focuses on the healing of the patients by virtue of the spiritual well-being. In fact, it started only with six congregations far back in 1984, primarily in US, however, nowadays; around 10,000 parish nurses are practicing across the globe to serve the community [1].

Let us now take a close look how does parish nursing catch the attraction of several other fields of nursing care.

### Congregational Point of View

One of the heartening aspects of parish care nursing is to escalate the well-being of the society altogether by

spiritually counseling the ill congregants. In reality, the cohesion and coordination by means of divine essence overall holds the spiritual outfit of a sound community. It is worth mentioning, implementation of such strategies in the modern nursing care has been consistently uplifting the nursing practice as a whole, throughout the world [2].

### General Nursing Point of View

Parish nursing or faith-based nursing (becoming increasingly popular term) has already opened a new window by attracting huge number of seasoned caregivers from different fields. This discipline of modern era of nursing is the perfect blend of autonomy, creativity and flexibility. The nurses of this wing have been settling down to a set up that maneuvers plenty of room to work with sound body, mind as well as spiritual and interpersonal skills in a holistic fashion [3].

### Overall Practices of Parish Nursing

It has been evidenced that parish nursing is extremely fruitful under the surveillance of robust planning, proper implementation and regular monitoring. However, it is applicable for other branches of nursing care too. Another vital aspect of this nursing care is to specify the events where the parish nurses should give special emphasis. To be honest, there is huge number of diseases hovering around the globe for those remedies are still found wanting (Genetic disease for example). Parish nursing are tailor-made for such cases where spiritual well-being might heal the patients to a great extent.

Overall, I must say, faith-based nursing adds a new dimension to the nursing world, keeps on asking questions to the health care system to rejuvenate towards holistic mannerism. Having said that, professionalism, authentication of the curriculum and research are below par at the moment as far as the overall parish nursing is concerned. Therefore, to make faith-based nursing a force to be reckoned with in near future more impetus should be given to the mentioned three points in order to achieve the best possible outcome [4].

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