Stroke IPE e-learning course

Week 4: Carers

Learning activities
There are two e-tivities this week which ask you to consider how carers can be at the centre of team working and even how they might take a role in managing a team. What are the challenges which this would pose? Is this a desirable situation or not?

e-tivity 1: A carer is not part of the team?

Purpose
To appreciate the challenge of having carers/users as part of the health and social care team

Task
Watch the video:

Monica’s Story – A part of the team
http://www.patientvoices.org.uk/flv/0022pv384.htm

As health and social care professionals we have to get the balance right between doing our jobs and involving family/carers. Drawing on your own experience post a short paragraph on a positive and negative example to highlight the advantages and disadvantages for a team working with family/carers.

Positive: Examples of where working with family and carers worked positively for the team

Negative: Examples of where working with family and carers were unhelpful for the team

Post your paragraph in the …(suggest a discussion board).

Respond
Comment to at least one negative and one positive posting, offering your own perspectives on others experiences in the …(suggest a discussion board).

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e-tivity 2: Carers and/or expert patients managing teams

Purpose
To appreciate the challenge of carers/patients acting in a central role within a team

Task
1. Please read the following pages from Monica's diary, which illustrate the complexity of being a care co-ordinator for her husband.

Click the image below to view Monica's Diary entries...

2. In the twenty-first century we are experiencing a huge shift in the delivery of health and social care, out of acute centres and into communities with ever increasing numbers of people cared for at home. Some of this relies heavily on family and friends.
   - As future health and social care professionals what problems do you envisage for your profession and the team and how should we be preparing to address them?
   - Do you support the concept of carers as team leaders? Why and why not?

Post a paragraph of your thoughts in reaction to these questions to generate debate and discussion.

Post your paragraph in the the …(suggest a discussion board).
Respond
Comment to at least one contribution from another student in the …(suggest a discussion board).

There are some useful documents on patient and carer involvement in the resources section e.g. http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/CaringForSomeone/index.htm