

Karaoke Competition for Dialysis Patients

The 3rd of July was a normal Sunday. However, for people at the dialysis center of Chien Ren Hospital, it was a very special day. Have you ever seen the magnificent sight of young and old, people with walking sticks, crutches and in wheelchairs all singing in unison?

This is the first Karaoke Competition at our dialysis center, and we were very moved by the dialysis patients who, unlike their previous selves laying on their beds, appeared to be full of smiles and jubilant. I think that no matter who you are, you would be touched by the scene.

Below are some snapshots of my memories of this event:

Mr. Hong: Karaoke Competition? Fantastic! I want to sign up!

Mrs. Hong: You can not even see, do you still want to sing? Don't disgrace yourself! (Mr. Hong is down with an optical nerve problem.)

Nurse: Why does it matter if he cannot see? Think about it, what are the chances of you bringing your husband to KTV or Karaoke to sing in the future? This is really a great opportunity for you and your husband, and this shared memory will be really meaningful in your life.

Mrs. Hong: Then...ok!

Mr. Hong came second in the competition, and it was really a memorable experience for him.

Mr. Huang: It is not very good sitting on a wheelchair to sing, right? I'm so embarrassed! Can anyone help push my wheelchair? (Both of Mr. Huang's legs were amputated.)

Nurse: If you want to sing, I will try my best to put you on the stage even if I need to carry you!

Having the opportunity to show off his remarkable voice, just as when he was young, Mr. Huang had a real unforgettable experience on that day.

Mr. Hsu: I composed a song and the lyrics include all the names of the staff in the dialysis center. I will sing it for all on the day of the karaoke competition.

Nurse: Really? You must have spent so much effort, but please don't overwork yourself, ok?

Can you feel the rapport between the patients and us?

Uncle Lou(On the day of karaoke competition): I especially would like to thank Dr. Chang, Dr. Liu, and all the nurses. Without your help, I would not be able to stand here banging on the drums and singing out loud. The encouragement from the nurses a few years back enabled me to live on (crying). I really would like to thank everyone!

My friend, we also would like to stay by your side forever.

The dialysis patients are around us every minute of the day; you will never know how much effect our casual words of encouragement have on their lives! After the karaoke competition, I can't help but ask myself, what can we leave behind for the dialysis patients? Maybe such an activity will be the best thing to lighten up their lives!!

~ ***By a nurse***

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