

# Cerebro Vascular Accident (CVA)-A Medical Case Study

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### Abstract

Objectives: To perform a health assessment, identify the nursing needs and prevent complication, formulate nursing diagnosis, provide comprehensive nursing care, learn about cerebro vascular accident and its management teach family members and patients in detail about follow-up care. Methods of collection: case sheet, wife. Sample: MICU. Setting: Government Rajaji hospital, Madurai. Conclusion: By this care study, I got an opportunity to provide comprehensive nursing care to my client who had cerebrovascular accident. It is of paramount importance for the nurses to become competent in providing nursing care for the patients with these problems.

Keywords: CVA patient, IMCU, Govt. Rajaji hospital

### **INTRODUCTION**

Stroke is a worldwide health problem. It makes an important contribution to morbidity and mortality and disability [1-4]. WHO defines stroke as rapidly developing clinical signs of focal disturbance of cerebral function, lasting more than 24 hours and leading to death [5-7].

Although the prevalence of stroke appears to be comparatively less in India than in developed countries, it is less likely to increase proportionally with the increase in life expectancy [8-10].

As I was interested in studying central nervous system disorders and caring patients with cerebro vascular accident, I have selected a patient with CVA for my medical case study in critical care nursing [11]. The material is presented here to provide an overall frame work of nursing care for patient with cerebro vascular accident [12].

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To perform a health assessment of the client with cerebro vascular accident.
- To identify the nursing needs of the

- client with cerebro vascular accident.
- To formulate nursing diagnosis for the client with cerebro vascular accident.
- To provide comprehensive nursing care to patient with cerebro vascular accident
- To learn about cerebro vascular accident and its management in detail.
- To identify and prevent complication.
- To teach family members and patients in detail about follow-up care.

### HISTORY COLLECTION

Ward: Intensive Medical Care Unit Medical diagnosis: Cerebro vascular accident

### **Chief Complaints**

Patient was brought to hospital in unconscious state with tracheotomy (on mechanical ventilation).

### **History of Present Illness**

Patient was apparently normal before 7 days. He developed giddiness and became unconscious, and was taken to a private hospital where he was diagnosed having



posterior inferior cerebral artery infarct. admission his **GCS**  $5\15,bp=150\90$ , pulse rate- $100\min$  and spo2-100%.he was treated for the infarct appropriately and he was extubated and shifted to ward, as his GCSfurther deteriorated and showed signs of aspiration he was again shifted to ICU and reinsulated. Under IV sedation tracheostomy was done but he was discharged again medical advice from private hospital.

### **Past Medical History**

He is a known case of hypertension on irregular treatment.

Not a known case of pulmonary tuberculosis, bronchial asthma, coronary artery diseases, diabetes mellitus, chronic kidney disease. No drug allergy.

### **Past Surgical History**

Patient not suffered from any major illness before or undergone any surgery.

### **Family History**

He lives as a nuclear family along with his wife and child. Non-Consanguineous type of marriage, No family history of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, epilepsy asthma etc.

## **Socio-Economical History**

Patient is living in own house they are getting corporation water supply. They are getting good ventilation and adequate lightening and electrical facilities are available. He is working as an auto-driver they are earning rupees 3000/-per month. They are lower middle class family.

### **Personal History**

He was mixed type diet. Patterns of rest and sleep, rest 2 hours in afternoon/6hrs, night sleep. His hobby is watching television. His Activities of daily living was nil. His Bowel and bladder habits constipated frequently, change in consistency of stools, Bladder-normal. He was Alcohol / smoker, consumes brandy 3-4 times a week amount varies, smokes cigarette 1 packet\day brand varies for past 20 years.

### **Spiritual History**

He belongs to Hindu family. He is going temple regularly for festival occasion. He is having faith in God.

### **Environmental History**

Patient is living in a village for his own house. There is adequate water, lightening and electrical facilities are available. There are using a open drainage system so there is more chance of getting communicable diseases.

# PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

**General Appearance** 

Consciousness: stuperous

**Body built:** Moderately built

Activity: nil

Orientation: Not Oriented to Time, Place

and Person.

# SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION Central Nervous System

Stuperous, responds to deep painful stimuli

Not oriented to time, place and person

GCS-5\15



### **Cranial Nerve Assessment**

Olfactory:

Optic:

Oculomotar: Trochlear: Trigeminal: Abducent:

Facial:

Vestibulocochlear: Glossopharyngeal:

Vagus: Accessory: Hypoglossal: cannot be tested

# **Spinomotor System**

### Table 1:

	RIGHT	LEFT
BULK	N	N
TONE	+	_
POWER	_	_
REFLEX	+	+
PLANTAR		

### **Respiratory System**

Inspection: on tracheotomy, mechanical

ventilation-SIMV mode

**Palpation:** Trachea in midline,

Auscultation: vocal frem it us normal,

bilateral air entry normal

**Percussion:** Normal resonance

### **Cardiovascular System**

*Inspection:* No visible pulse, distended neck veins, no central or peripheral cyanosis.

**Palpation:** Pulse rate86/minute. **Percussion:** Normal resonance

Auscultation: S1S2 heard, No murmur

present

### **Gastrointestinal System**

**Inspection:** No scare, lesion

Auscultation: Bowel sounds heard in all

four quadrants

Palpation: Soft, tender, no palpable mass,

organomegally

Percussion: No fluid or gas collection

### **Genito Urinary System**

CBD present connected to urine bag, urine concentrated.

## Musculo Skeletal System

Paralyzed

### **Endocrine System**

No thyroid enlargement No intolerance to heat or cold

## **Integumentary System**

Brown complexion, no scabies, skin turgor normal

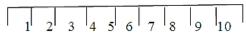
### VITAL SIGNS

*Temperature*: 98.6 degree F

**Pulse**: 84/ MINUTE

Respiration: 24/ minute intubated on

mechanical ventilator SIMV mode *Blood Pressure*: 240/120MMHG *Pain Level*: cannot be tested



*Weight*: 50kg

Height: 154cm



# **INVESTIGATIONS**

Investigations	Patient value	Referral value	Remarks
Hemogram:			
Haemoglobin	10.7%	12-l4gm%	decreased
Total count	7,500 cells/mm	4,000-11,000 cells/mm	within normal limits
Differential Count:			
Polymorphs	60%	50% - 70%	normal limits
Lymphocytes	46%	30% - 60%	Normal limits
Eosinophils	3%	1% - 4%	Normal limits
			Normal limits
Blood glucose	78mgs%	80-120mgs%	Normal limits
-			Normal limits
B. Urea	50 mg	20-40mg	
Sr. Creatinine	1.2 mg	0.7 - 1.5mg	Normal limits Normal
			limits Normal limit
Liver function test:			Normal limits
T.Billirubin	8.7umol/L	5 – 17 umol/L	
Direct billirubin	2.6umol/L	1.7 - 3.7  umol/L	
Total protein	7.0 g/dl	6.0 - 8.0  g/dl	
Albumin	4.3g/dl	3.5 - 5.5 g/dl	

**ECG:** LVH with strain

ECHO: Normal LV systolic function.

## **CHEST X-RAY**

Congestion with mucus

# CT SCAN

Revealed acute posterior inferior cerebral artery tentorial infarct.

Name of the Drug, Dosage, Route & Frequency	Action	Indications	Side effect	Nursing Responsibility
Inj. cefriaxone 1gm IV Bd (ANTIINFECTIVE)	Binds to bacterial cell wall membrane causing cell death.	Perioperative prophylaxis, intra abdominal imfections and other infections	Headache, dizziness, diarrhea, glossitis, psedomembraneous colitis, thrombocytopenia, proteinuria, vaginitis, pruritus, nephrotoxicity	Obtain a history to determine previous use of antibiotics and the side effects. Assess for infection at beginning and throughout Observe for s\s of anaphylaxis
Inj. Metrogyl 400mg IV Tds (ANTI MICROBIAL)	Dried acting amoebicide, trichomonacide, binds, degrades DNA in organisms	Prophylactic against bacterial infections	Headache, dizziness, confusion, ataxia, convulsion, dry mouth, metallic taste, nausea, vomiting, albumin urea, decreased libido, pruritis,	Check vision if long term use, monitor intake and output renal function
Tab.clopidrogrel 75 mg oral od (ANTIPLATELET	Inhibits platelet aggregation	Reduction of atherosclerotic events (Myocardial	Abdominal pain, pruritis, purpura, Chest pain, edema.	Monitor for thrombocytic purpura Monitor CBC and



AGENT)		infarction, stroke)		differential platelet count
Tab. Enalpril 2.5mg oral bd (ACE INHIBITORS)	Block the enzyme that normally converts angiotensin I to the potent vasoconstrictor angiotensin II.	Hypertensive alone or for patient with diabetes and hypertension.	Vertigo, hypotension, diarrhea, abdominal pain, taste disturbances, protenuria	Maintain blood pressure chart Monitor blood counts with differential counts.
Tab.atorvastatin10mg H.S\oral (LIPID LOWERING AGENT)	Inhibits(HMG-COA)reductase	Adjunct to diet therapy in management of hypercholesterolem ia Reduction of lipids and reduces the risk of M.I and stroke.	Constipation, flatus, rashes, heartburn	Obtain a diet history Monitor LFT,AST.
Inj. Ranitidine IV Tds (H2 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST)	Inhibits histamine at H2 receptor site in parietal cells which inhibits gastric acid secretion.	Short term treatment of duodenal ulcers, heartburn, and treatment of stress induced gastro intestinal bleeding.	soreness, headache, diarrhea, itching, dizziness, hallucinations, Arrhythmias, Altered taste, black tongue, constipation, dark stools, diarrhea, druginduced hepatitis, nausea	Assess patient for epigastric or abdominal pain and frank or occult blood in the stool, emesis, or gastric aspirate. Inform patient that it may cause drowsiness or dizziness. Inform patient that increased fluid and fiber intake may minimize constipation
Intravenous fluids: 1 pint RL Mannitol –osmotic diuretics	Increase the osmotic pressure of glomerular filtrate and excretion of water	Adjunct in treatment of acute oliguric renal failure, edema, increased ICP or IOP	Transient volume expansion, pulmonary edema, increased potassium level.	Monitor vitals, intake output chart, dyspnea, crackles.

# DISEASE CONDITION CEREBRO VASCULAR ACCIDENT Definition

The sudden death of some brain cells due to lack of oxygen when the blood flow to the brain is impaired by blockage or rupture of an artery to the brain. A CVA is also referred to as a stroke.

# REVIEW OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF BRAIN INTRODUCTION

The human nervous system is made up of two main components: the central nervous system (CNS) and the peripheral nervous system (PNS). The CNS is composed of the brain, the cranial nerves, and the spinal cord. The PNS is made up of the nerves that exit from the spinal cord at various levels of the spinal column as well as their tributaries. The autonomic nervous system (divided into the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous system) is also considered to be a part of the PNS and it controls the body's many vegetative (non-voluntary) functions.

### Brain

The human brain serves many important functions ranging from imagination,



memory, speech, and limb movements to secretion hormones and control of various organs within the body. These functions are controlled by many distinct parts that serve specific and important tasks. These components and their functions are listed below.

Brain Cells, Cerebrospinal Fluid, Ventricles, Brainstem, Thalamus, Cerebellum, Cerebrum

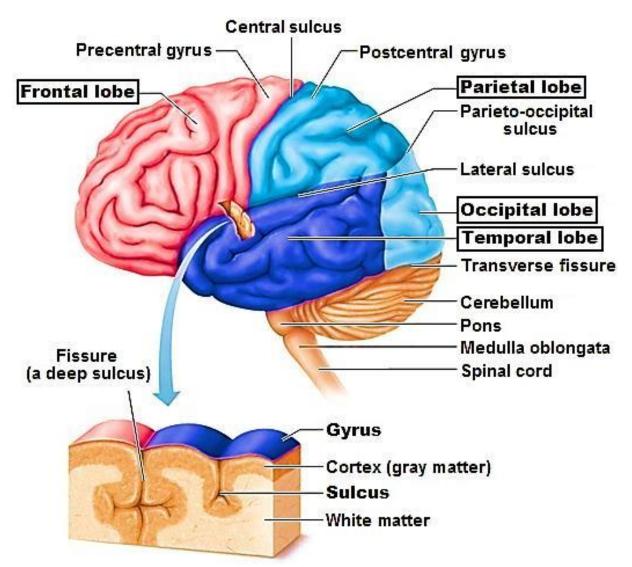


Figure 1: Structure of the Brain

### Causes

- 1. Thrombosis
- 2. Hardening of the artery
- 3. Cholesterol and Calcium deposit on the wall of the artery
- 4. Embolus
- 5. Aneurysm
- 6. Cerebral hemorrhage

### **Risk Factors**

1. Chronic smoker

- 2. High blood pressure
- 3. Diabetes mellitus
- 4. Alcoholic

### **PATHOPHYSIOLOGY**

Atherosclerotic plaque travel through circulation

Lodge in an artery to the brain

Stopping the flow of blood

Embolic stroke

Death of brain cells



### **CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS**

#### Table 2:

BOOK PICTURE	PATIENT PICTURE
The most common symptom is weakness or paralysis of	Paralyzed and complete loss of movement
one side of the body with partial or complete loss of	
voluntary movement or sensation in a leg or arm.	-
There can be speech problems and weak face muscles,	
causing drooling.	-
Numbness or tingling is very common.	
A stroke involving the base of the brain can affect balance,	unconscious
vision, and swallowing, breathing and even	
unconsciousness.	History collected
DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION:	Physical examination done
Medical history	
Physical examination	Revealed acute posterior inferior cerebral artery
A CAT scan (a special X-ray study) of the brain is often	territorial infarct
done to show bleeding into the brain; this is treated	Name 1 I V and 1 a fam tion
differently than a stroke caused by lack of blood supply. A	Normal LV systolic function
CAT scan also can rule out some other conditions that may	Not done
mimic a stroke.	Not dolle
A soundwave of the heart (echocardiogram) may be done	
to look for a source of blood clots in the heart.	
Narrowing of the carotid artery (the main artery that	
supplies blood to each side of the brain) in the neck can be	
seen with a soundwave test called a carotid ultrasound	
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## **Differential Diagnosis**

- 1. Subdural hematoma
- 2. Brain tumor
- 3. Viral encephalitis
- 4. Dehydration or an imbalance of sodium, calcium, or glucose

### **Treatment**

Early use of anticoagulants to minimize blood clotting has Not given value in some patients. Blood pressure treated with Tab. Enalpril Treatment of blood pressure that is too high or too low may be 2.5mg oral bd necessary. (Lowering elevated blood pressure into the normal range is no longer recommended during the first few days Not given following a stroke since this may further reduce blood flow through narrowed arteries and make the stroke worse.) Tab.clopidrogrel 75 mg oral od given. The blood sugar glucose in diabetics is often quite high after a stroke; controlling the glucose level may minimize the size of a Patient on mechanical ventilator SIMV mode stroke. Drugs that can dissolve blood clots may be useful in stroke treatment. Oxygen is administered as needed.

### REHABILITATION

When a patient is no longer acutely ill after a stroke, the aim turns to maximizing the patient's functional abilities.

This can be done in an inpatient rehabilitation hospital or in a special area

of a general hospital and in a nursing facility.

The rehabilitation process can involve speech therapy to relearn talking and swallowing, occupational therapy for regaining dexterity of the arms and hands,



physical therapy for improving strength and walking, etc.

The goal is for the patient to resume as many of their pre-stroke activities as possible.

# NURSING THEORY APPLICATION Orem's General theory of Nursing Introduction

Developed by Dorothy E. Orem. Orem first published her concept of Nursing as providing for an individual's self-care in 1959 in Guides for Developing Curricula for the Education of practical Nurses" a

government publication.

Orem' theory consists of 3 related theories, collectively referred to as Orem's general theory of Nursing.

# Orem's conceptual framework for nursing

# Self Care Theory

- 1. Self care
- 2. Self care agency
- 3. Self care requisites
- 4. Therapeutic self care demand

Self Care Deficit Theory Nursing System Theory

### **BASIC CONDITIONING FACTORS**

Age	48 years
Gender	Male
Health state	Disability due to health condition, therapeutic self care demand
Sociocultural orientation	Formal education up to high school, Indian, Hindu
Health care system	Institutional health care
Family system	Nuclear family, staying with his family members
Patterns of living	Along with wife ,son and daughter

### UNIVERSAL SELF-CARE REQUISITES

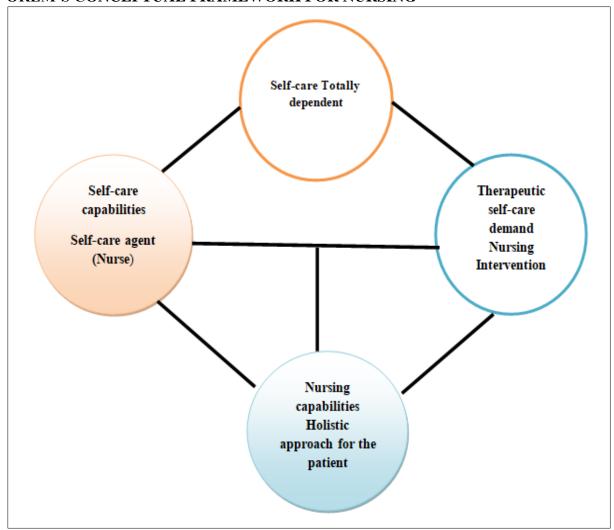
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Air	On mechanical ventilation SIMV mode		
Water	Fluid intake is not sufficient. Turgor normal for the age		
Food	Hb – 9.4 gm%, Food intake is not adequate		
Elimination	On CBD, no bowel movements		
Activity/ rest	unconscious		
Social interaction	Poor communication due to loss of consciousness		
Prevention of hazards	Need instruction on hygiene and diet and about follow - up care		

### **DEVELOPMENTAL SELF-CARE REQUISITES**

Maintenance of developmental environment	Not Able to feed self , Difficult to perform the dressing, toileting etc
Prevention/ management of the conditions threatening the normal development	Feels that the problems are due to her own behaviors ,unconscious



### OREM'S CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR NURSING



### **NURSING DIAGNOSIS**

- 1. Impaired gas exchange related to decreased oxygen supply as evidenced by ABG analysis
- 2. Ineffective Breathing Pattern related to hypoventilationa evidenced by vital signs
- 3. Ineffective cerebral tissue perfusion related to interrupted blood flow as evidenced by increased intra cranial pressure
- 4. Self care deficit related to inability to move limbs as evidenced by dull grooming
- 5. Risk for imbalanced fluid volume related to inability to take in fluids by mouth (fluids and medications administered)

- 6. Risk for impaired skin integrity related to immobility
- 7. Interrupted family processes related to health crisis as evidenced by verbalization
- 8. Disturbed thought process related to impaired cerebral functioning
- Subjective data: patient unconscious, his attended complaints of diaphoresis, initially confused, nasal flaring
- ♣ Objective data: unconscious GCS:5\15,on mechanical ventilation-SIMV mode, bilateral coarse crepitation present
- \* Nursing diagnosis: Impaired gas exchange related to decrease oxygen supply as evidenced by ABG analysis.
- Goal: Gas exchange will be improved.



Interventions	Implementation	Rationale	Evaluation
Assess patients respiratory rate, depth, rhythm	On mechanical ventilator rate- 18breaths\minute,spo2 -100%	Help to plan care	The patient was Maintained ABG
Auscultate breath sounds every one to two hours and as needed.	Bilateral air entry normal, coarse crepitation present	Help to plan care	values between 35-45mmhg
Ensure patent airway and assess the need for suctioning(hyper oxygenate before suctioning)	Patient on tracheostomy and SIMVmode	Prevent cerebral hypoxia	
Monitor ABG'S and notify the physician of significant changes	ABG value:paco <sub>2</sub> =45mmhg,	To prevent complications and initiate treatment	
Assist with turning every two hours with in limits of patients status	Planned every two hourly turning	Promotes lung drainage and alveolar expansion.	
Monitor intake\output chart	Intake output maintained	for mobilization of secretions and avoid fluid overload	

Subjective data: unconscious, his wife complaints of diaphoresis, patient not responding to commands

*Objective data:* patient unconscious GCS-5\15.bilateral pupil 2mm reacting to light *Nursing Diagnosis:* Ineffective cerebral tissue perfusion related to decreased cerebral blood flow as evidenced by increased intra cranial pressure.

Goal: cerebral tissue perfusion will be maintained

Plan of Action	Implementation	Rationale	Evaluation
	GCS=5\15	To obtain baseline	The patient was
Assess neurological status		data	maintained Tissue
hourly			perfusion
Determine presence of changes	Unconscious ,Quadriplegia	behavioral changes	
in cognition, vision, or	present	indicative of	
sensory/motor responses,		ineffective	
hemiparesis, headache, problems		cerebral perfusion	
with speech and swallowing	DD 1	T.	
Evaluate blood pressure and	BP chart maintained	To assess any	
maintain chart		complication and	
		prevent it	
Monitor fluid and electrolyte	Intake output chart		
status.	maintained	Imbalances have a	
		direct bearing on	
		brain perfusion and	
		function	
Note history of syncope,	Collected history regarding	Suggests conditions	
brief/intermittent periods of	syncope	such as orthostatic	
confusion/blackout.		hypotension,	
		syncope, TIA.	
Administer iv mannitol as	Administered iv mannitol	To relieve increased	
prescribed	150ml bd as prescribed	intracranial pressure	
Administer medications as	Administered tablet. enalpril	to treat underlying	
indicated	2.5mg bd for reducing blood pressure	condition	
	pressure		



Involve others who have	Involved another patient	Provides role model and	
same problems and needs	who is suffering from	sharing of information.	
	carcinoma oesophagus and		
	allowed them to share their		
	concerns		

Subjective data: patient unconscious, his wife complaints that she couldn't move her husband alone for meeting his self needs

*Objective data:* unable to move his hands and legs (quadriplegia), unconscious, NG tube present, on ventilator

Nursing diagnosis: self care deficit (hygiene, toileting, grooming, feeding) related to stroke sequale

*Goal:* self care will be maintained.

Plan of Action	Implementation	Rationale	Evaluation
Assess the level of self	Assessed the self care	To obtain baseline data	
care deficit	needs of the patient		
Provide oral care, bed	Oralcare, bedbath and back	To maintain and meet	
bath and back care	care given	basic needs	
Provide catheter care	Catheter care given	To prevent urinary tract	
		infection	
Administer nasogastric	Feeding given through	To meet nutritional needs	Self care needs satisfied
feeding as ordered	nasogastric tube as ordered		
Administer medicines to	Administered dulcolax	To induce elimination	
maintain bowel	suppository as ordered.	and prevent constipation.	
elimination			

### **HEALTH EDUCATION**

Explained about the disease condition and the available treatment modalities and the prognosis of the disease.

### Personal Hygiene

- Advised the care giver regarding providing oral care
- Importance of sponge bath and back care
- Demonstrated eye care and instillation of eye drops

### Medication

Advice to take regular medication and also advised not to stop or reduce the medicine without Doctor's order.

### Exercise

- Advised the care giver the importance of passive exercises and frequency of position change.
- Advised to do mild passive exercise
- Advised the family members to assist the patient in doing passive range of motion exercise.

#### Nutrition

- Advised the care giver to give liquid diet
- Advised to avoid solid foods until swallowing is stabilized
- Advised the care giver the importance of feeds rich in nutrients.

### Follow Up

- 1. Advise about the importance of follow up care.
- 2. Teach about the next schedule of visit.

# RECORDING AND REPORTING Daily Care and Nursing Intervention *Care Given*

- ❖ Monitoring the vital signs.
- Temperature: 37<sup>o</sup>C
- *Pulse:* 84 beats/per/mts
- *Respiration:* 22 breath/per/mts
- **Blood pressure:** 110/70 mm of Hg
- ❖ Back care morning and evening
- Position changed every second hourly
- Passive exercise given Upper Extremities



- ❖ Position changed every 2 hourly especially lateral position provided, and explain to the patient why position should changed and what are the advantages.
- ❖ Nutritional assessment
- 24 hours Recall assessment done from 7am to next day 7am
- Health education given regarding personal hygiene--- importance of hand washing.

- ❖ Intake and output chart should be recorded.
- Drugs given as per prescription.
- ❖ Health education given regarding exercise and demonstrate the method
- \* Rule out the problems of the patient
- Assess the sleep and mental status of the patient general condition weak and not able to walk so, encourage for ambulation

Table 3: Hours Recall Method- Nutritional Assessment

Date	Time	Food items	Quantity	Kcal	Protei n gm	СНО дт	FAT gm	Cal problem	Iron mgm
16.12.14	6 am	Milk	200ml	120	6	4gm	1.3	343.6	0.8
	9.30 am	Idly	4 nos	250	9.2	55.2	0.4	0.6	1.6
	11 Am	Ragiconji	80gm150m 1	350	9.6	112.2	0.4	4.0	2.0
		EGG	1	80	5.8	0.5	5.7	30	1.0
	1.30 pm	Rice	400gm	350	9.6	112.2	0.4	4.0	2.0
		Sambar dhal	(100ml) 75gm	250	8.5	6	12	10.8	1.4
		Rasam	50ml	7.5	0.4	1.4	0.25	0.4	0.25
		G.L.Veg	50ml	7.5	0.4	1.4	0.25	0.4	0.25
		Butter milk	100ml	33	1.2	1.22.5	4.0	0.45	
	3pm	Milk	100ml	60	3	2	6.5	171.8	0.4
	5pm	Milk	200ml	120	6	4	13	343.6	0.8
	8 pm	Rice	400gm	350	9.6	112.2	0.4	4.0	0.25
		Rasam	50ml	7.5	0.4	1.4	0.25	0.4	0.45
		Sambar dhal	(100ml) 75gm	250	8.5	6	12	10.8	1.4
		Butter milk	100ml	33	1.2	1.2	2.5	4.0	0.45
	10 pm	Milk	200ml	120	6	4	13	343.6	0.8
17.12.14	8am	Milk	200ml	120	6	4	13	343.6	0.8
		Total		2797.5	73.7	503.7	111.2	1653.2	32.2

### **CONCLUSION**

By this care study, I got an opportunity to provide comprehensive nursing care to my client who had cerebro vascular accident. It is of paramount importance for the nurses to become competent in providing nursing care for the patients with these problems. More over nurse must educate the general public to promote general health and family members in caring these patients.

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