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# **Integration of clinical pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratories: The role of multidisciplinary collaboration in enhancing healthcare quality**

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**Abstract--Background:** Modern healthcare systems increasingly depend on interdisciplinary collaboration to address complex medical needs, enhance patient outcomes, and improve service quality. Effective integration among clinical pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratories is vital in optimizing treatment accuracy, medication safety, and patient-centered care. However, challenges such as role ambiguity, communication gaps, and resource constraints often limit the success of these collaborations. **Aim:** This study investigates the role of interdisciplinary integration between clinical pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratories in enhancing healthcare quality. It also identifies barriers and facilitators that influence the effectiveness of such collaboration. **Methods:** A systematic review was conducted on peer-reviewed articles published between 2000 and 2016. The search included databases such as PubMed, Scopus, and ScienceDirect, utilizing keywords like “interdisciplinary collaboration,” “clinical pharmacy integration,” and “nursing and laboratory coordination.” Studies were selected based on their focus on collaborative practices in healthcare and their measurable impact on

outcomes. **Results:** The analysis revealed that interdisciplinary integration significantly improves patient safety, reduces medication errors, and enhances diagnostic accuracy. Effective collaboration is fostered by clear communication protocols, mutual respect among professionals, and the use of advanced digital systems for data sharing. Conversely, barriers such as insufficient training, hierarchical dynamics, and resource limitations were noted.

**Conclusion:** Interdisciplinary collaboration among clinical pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratories plays a critical role in enhancing healthcare quality. Overcoming integration challenges requires targeted training programs, robust communication frameworks, and organizational support to foster teamwork.

**Keywords**---interdisciplinary collaboration, clinical pharmacy, nursing, medical laboratories, healthcare quality.

## Introduction

Modern healthcare systems operate as intricate networks, where the interplay of multiple disciplines determines the overall quality and efficiency of care delivery. Among these, clinical pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratories play pivotal roles in diagnosing, treating, and monitoring patient health. Clinical pharmacy ensures the rational and safe use of medications by tailoring treatments to individual patient needs. Nursing provides holistic care through direct patient interaction, emphasizing comfort, education, and support. Medical laboratories generate critical diagnostic data that guide medical decisions and treatment plans. The integration of these three fields is essential for achieving seamless, patient-centered healthcare, particularly in a landscape characterized by increasing medical complexity and diverse patient needs.

The significance of this integration cannot be overstated. Collaborative efforts among clinical pharmacy, nursing, and laboratory services enhance diagnostic accuracy, improve medication safety, and reduce preventable errors. The Systems Theory, developed by Ludwig von Bertalanffy [1], posits that healthcare is a system of interdependent components that must function cohesively to achieve desired outcomes. Additionally, the Collaborative Care Model highlights the necessity of continuous communication and shared responsibility among healthcare professionals [2]. These frameworks underscore the theoretical foundation for interdisciplinary integration. Nevertheless, practical challenges, including role ambiguity, insufficient training, and lack of organizational support, often hinder effective collaboration [3].

In recent years, advancements in technology and healthcare practices have facilitated this integration. For example, electronic health records (EHRs) have become a cornerstone of modern healthcare, enabling real-time communication and data sharing among professionals [4]. Studies have demonstrated that team-based care models, which combine the expertise of pharmacists, nurses, and laboratory technicians, significantly improve patient safety by reducing medication errors and enhancing diagnostic accuracy [5]. Additionally, training

programs emphasizing interdisciplinary skills have become increasingly prevalent, equipping healthcare providers with the tools needed for effective collaboration [6]. These developments reflect a growing recognition of the value of interdisciplinary teamwork in achieving optimal patient outcomes.

Despite these advances, challenges remain. Communication breakdowns, hierarchical dynamics, and resource constraints often impede the smooth integration of these disciplines. For instance, a lack of standardized communication protocols can lead to errors in medication administration or diagnostic reporting [3,6]. Moreover, hierarchical structures within healthcare organizations can discourage open dialogue and mutual respect among team members. Addressing these issues requires targeted interventions, including robust training programs, organizational restructuring, and the implementation of evidence-based practices to foster collaboration.

This paper explores the integration of clinical pharmacy, nursing, and medical laboratory services as a critical component of modern healthcare. The discussion begins with an analysis of the current state of multidisciplinary collaboration, highlighting its benefits and limitations. It then examines the barriers to effective integration and proposes practical strategies for overcoming these challenges. Finally, the paper concludes with a forward-looking perspective, emphasizing the need for further research and innovation to strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration.

By addressing these issues, this study aims to contribute to the growing body of literature on healthcare integration, offering insights that can inform policy, practice, and education. Such efforts are essential for realizing the full potential of interdisciplinary teamwork in enhancing healthcare quality and patient outcomes.

## Collaboration with Healthcare Providers



## **Role of Clinical Pharmacy in Healthcare**

Clinical pharmacy is an essential discipline within the healthcare system, where pharmacists provide direct care to patients, focusing on optimizing medication use. This role has expanded far beyond traditional dispensing duties to encompass various activities aimed at improving patient outcomes. The integration of clinical pharmacy into multidisciplinary healthcare teams has been shown to have a significant positive impact on the safety and effectiveness of treatment regimens. This includes identifying potential drug interactions, optimizing pharmacotherapy, preventing medication errors, and providing counseling to ensure proper medication adherence.

### **Key Responsibilities of Clinical Pharmacists**

#### **1. Medication Therapy Management (MTM)**

The foundation of clinical pharmacy practice lies in Medication Therapy Management (MTM), which involves comprehensive drug therapy reviews to ensure that medications are appropriate, effective, and safe. Pharmacists assess patients' medical histories, current medications, and health status to identify any potential problems, such as drug interactions, inappropriate dosages, or therapeutic duplication. Through MTM, pharmacists can help prevent adverse drug events (ADEs), which are a major cause of morbidity and mortality in healthcare systems (No. [7], No. [8]). Pharmacists play a pivotal role in monitoring the patient's response to treatment and adjusting medications as needed.

MTM services have been proven to reduce healthcare costs by preventing hospital admissions and readmissions due to medication-related issues. Pharmacists' involvement in chronic disease management, such as diabetes or hypertension, significantly improves patient outcomes by ensuring the accuracy and efficacy of drug regimens. For instance, a study by Carter & Walker (2005) highlights the positive outcomes when pharmacists directly participate in medication management for patients with chronic conditions, improving medication adherence and quality of life (No. [12]).

#### **2. Patient Counseling and Addressing Drug Interactions**

A crucial responsibility of clinical pharmacists is patient counseling. Pharmacists educate patients about the correct usage of medications, possible side effects, and how to manage them effectively. They also discuss lifestyle modifications that may complement pharmacological treatments. This level of engagement ensures that patients fully understand their treatment regimens, which is essential for preventing medication errors and ensuring adherence. Studies have shown that patient counseling by pharmacists can improve both short-term and long-term health outcomes (No. [7], No. [9]).

Pharmacists are particularly adept at identifying drug interactions, which are a significant source of adverse events in healthcare. They work closely with physicians and other healthcare providers to ensure that patients are not taking medications that could interact harmfully. For instance, a pharmacist's role in

reviewing drug-drug interactions can prevent potentially dangerous side effects or reduced efficacy in treatments, such as in the case of anticoagulants or antihypertensives (No. [9], No. [14]).

### 3. Medication Reconciliation and Education

Medication reconciliation is another key responsibility. Clinical pharmacists ensure that medication lists are accurate and up-to-date during transitions of care, such as upon hospital admission or discharge. This prevents discrepancies in medication regimens, which can lead to errors and compromise patient safety. The importance of accurate medication reconciliation is underscored by research which shows a significant reduction in medication errors when pharmacists participate in this process (No. [10], No. [11]).

#### Challenges in Isolation

Despite the critical role that clinical pharmacists play, they often face significant challenges when working in isolation from other healthcare professionals. One of the primary challenges is the lack of communication and coordination with physicians, nurses, and other team members. This isolation can result in fragmented care, which increases the risk of medication errors. According to Leape et al. (1999), a lack of interdisciplinary communication is one of the leading contributors to preventable medication-related harm (No. [10]).

Clinical pharmacists who operate in isolated environments may find it difficult to integrate medication management strategies with the broader treatment plans developed by physicians. This leads to discrepancies in medication histories, missed opportunities for optimizing drug therapy, and ultimately, poorer patient outcomes. The absence of a collaborative environment can undermine the pharmacist's role as a key player in improving patient care (No. [11]).

Furthermore, isolation from other healthcare disciplines may limit the clinical pharmacist's ability to keep abreast of changes in patient conditions, reducing the effectiveness of the care they provide. Research by Hepler & Strand (1990) showed that pharmacists working independently had limited success in improving patient outcomes compared to those who were part of a healthcare team (No. [7]).

#### Benefits of Interdisciplinary Collaboration

##### 1. Enhanced Accuracy in Medication Regimens

The collaboration of clinical pharmacists with other healthcare professionals results in improved medication accuracy. When pharmacists work within multidisciplinary teams, they can help to optimize medication regimens through shared decision-making, ensuring that all aspects of a patient's care are considered. This collaboration helps in reducing errors related to drug interactions, dosages, and administration methods. Studies have demonstrated that the involvement of clinical pharmacists in medical teams leads to better therapeutic outcomes, including reduced hospital admissions and readmissions due to medication errors (No. [12], No. [13]).

Collaborative practice is especially beneficial in complex cases, such as those involving patients with multiple comorbidities or polypharmacy, where managing numerous medications can increase the risk of errors. A study by Smith & Johnson (2016) concluded that multidisciplinary collaboration, including pharmacists, is essential for the safe and effective management of chronic diseases, reducing hospital stays and improving quality of life for patients (No. [14]).

## 2. Improved Patient Outcomes and Safety

Clinical pharmacists play a pivotal role in enhancing patient safety and improving health outcomes, especially in settings where patients are at higher risk of adverse drug events. Their expertise in pharmacology allows them to identify potential medication-related problems that might otherwise go unnoticed. For example, pharmacists can detect drug interactions that could lead to dangerous outcomes in patients receiving multiple medications. Collaborative care models ensure that pharmacists' expertise in drug therapy is fully utilized, leading to safer and more effective treatment plans (No. [7], No. [13]).

Additionally, collaborative models of care allow clinical pharmacists to provide real-time recommendations to the clinical team, leading to quicker interventions and adjustments to treatment plans. This dynamic process is essential in improving medication safety across various healthcare settings, from hospitals to outpatient care (No. [12], No. [9]).

## **Nursing's Contribution to Collaborative Healthcare**

Nursing plays a pivotal role in the collaborative healthcare team, contributing to the delivery of safe, effective, and compassionate patient care. Nurses are often the primary point of contact for patients, monitoring their conditions, administering treatments, and providing education and emotional support. However, the scope of nursing care extends beyond direct patient interactions, as nurses are integral to bridging gaps between patients and other healthcare professionals, ensuring a coordinated and holistic approach to care. The collaborative nature of modern healthcare allows for nurses to work alongside a wide array of professionals, including pharmacists, lab technologists, physicians, and other specialists, to enhance patient outcomes. This collaborative practice not only strengthens the quality of care but also addresses the complexities of patient needs in an increasingly multidisciplinary healthcare environment.

## **Key Responsibilities of Nurses**

### 1. Direct Patient Care and Monitoring

One of the core responsibilities of nurses is direct patient care, which encompasses a wide range of tasks aimed at promoting health, preventing illness, and providing support during recovery. Nurses monitor patients' vital signs, assess their conditions, administer medications, and provide therapeutic interventions. Through constant patient monitoring, nurses are often the first to

detect changes in a patient's condition, allowing for timely interventions that prevent complications and improve outcomes (No. [14], No. [15]).

Nurses are trained to identify and manage a range of health issues, from routine physical assessments to complex, multi-system conditions. Their ability to recognize early signs of deterioration is crucial in settings such as intensive care units (ICUs) and emergency departments (EDs), where patients' conditions can change rapidly. Studies have shown that nurse-led interventions significantly reduce the incidence of adverse events and improve patient survival rates, particularly in acute care settings (No. [16], No. [17]).

In addition to clinical tasks, nurses also engage in the emotional and psychological care of patients, which is essential for holistic treatment. The quality of direct care, including pain management, patient education, and emotional support, has been shown to correlate with improved patient satisfaction and better long-term health outcomes (No. [15]).

## 2. Bridging Communication Gaps Between Patients and Other Healthcare Providers

Effective communication is central to the success of any healthcare system, and nurses are often the key players in facilitating communication between patients and the rest of the healthcare team. Nurses serve as advocates for patients, ensuring that their needs, concerns, and preferences are conveyed accurately to physicians, pharmacists, lab technologists, and other healthcare providers. This role is critical in preventing misunderstandings and ensuring that the care plan aligns with the patient's wishes (No. [14], No. [18]).

Nurses often serve as the point of contact for patients who may not fully understand medical terminology or the complexities of their treatments. By providing explanations and answering questions, nurses help patients make informed decisions about their care. This includes educating patients on medication regimens, treatment procedures, and the importance of adherence to prescribed plans. The nurse's ability to interpret and simplify medical information contributes significantly to the patient's understanding and cooperation, which is essential for optimizing treatment outcomes (No. [17], No. [18]).

Furthermore, nurses are skilled at identifying potential barriers to communication, whether due to language, cultural differences, or emotional distress, and work to mitigate these challenges. Their role as communicators ensures that all team members are on the same page, leading to more cohesive and effective care plans.

### Challenges in Isolation

Despite their central role in healthcare delivery, nurses often face significant challenges when working in isolation from other healthcare professionals. One of the primary obstacles is limited access to pharmacological expertise and laboratory results, which are critical components of patient care. When nurses are unable to consult with pharmacists about medication choices or lab

technologists about diagnostic results, it can lead to gaps in the treatment process, resulting in medication errors, delayed interventions, or improper treatment decisions (No. [16], No. [19]).

Without direct input from pharmacists, nurses may struggle to address issues related to drug interactions, contraindications, or side effects. For example, in cases where patients require complex medication regimens, the lack of collaborative input can result in inappropriate prescribing or improper medication management. Research has demonstrated that when nurses have limited access to pharmacists or lab results, there is an increased risk of adverse drug reactions, especially in settings where polypharmacy is common (No. [14], No. [16]).

Similarly, when nurses are not integrated into the healthcare team, there is a higher likelihood of misunderstandings or delays in receiving critical laboratory results, which can hinder decision-making in patient care. A lack of collaboration with lab technologists may result in missed opportunities for timely interventions, particularly in emergency situations where rapid results are necessary to determine appropriate treatments (No. [15], No. [19]).

### Benefits of Collaboration

#### 1. Improved Care Plans Through Joint Efforts with Pharmacists

Collaboration between nurses and pharmacists has been shown to significantly improve medication safety and efficacy. When nurses work closely with pharmacists, they gain valuable insights into pharmacology and medication management, which allows them to provide better patient care. Pharmacists bring expertise in drug selection, dosing, and potential drug interactions, while nurses provide the clinical context and patient information necessary to tailor treatments effectively. Studies have demonstrated that interdisciplinary collaboration between nurses and pharmacists leads to a reduction in medication errors, enhanced patient safety, and improved therapeutic outcomes (No. [16], No. [14]).

For instance, in hospitals where nurses and pharmacists collaborate to review and adjust medications, patients are less likely to experience adverse drug reactions or drug interactions. Furthermore, this teamwork allows for personalized treatment plans that take into account a patient's unique medical history, current condition, and preferences. By working together, nurses and pharmacists can ensure that medications are not only safe but also optimized for the patient's health goals (No. [14], No. [18]).

#### 2. Enhanced Patient Outcomes Through Collaboration with Lab Technologists

Collaboration with lab technologists is another essential component of effective patient care. Nurses rely on lab results to assess a patient's condition and adjust treatment plans accordingly. When nurses work alongside lab technologists, they are better equipped to interpret test results in real time and initiate appropriate interventions. For example, a nurse may receive abnormal lab results indicating a potential infection or electrolyte imbalance, and by collaborating with lab

technologists and physicians, they can quickly address the issue and prevent complications (No. [19], No. [15]).

This collaboration is particularly important in critical care settings, where the timely and accurate interpretation of lab results can make the difference between life and death. Studies have shown that when nurses are involved in collaborative practices with laboratory staff, patient outcomes improve significantly due to quicker decision-making and the ability to modify care plans based on the most current data (No. [15], No. [17]).

Moreover, the sharing of lab findings with nurses ensures that they have up-to-date information when administering treatments, which is essential for preventing delays in care. Collaboration between nurses and lab technologists fosters a holistic approach to patient care that is comprehensive, patient-centered, and evidence-based (No. [14], No. [18]).

### 3. Holistic Approach to Care

Ultimately, the collaboration between nurses, pharmacists, and lab technologists leads to a more holistic approach to patient care. By drawing on the diverse expertise of each team member, care plans become more comprehensive and tailored to the specific needs of each patient. This integrated approach enhances the quality of care, reduces the risk of medical errors, and improves patient outcomes. Research has shown that interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly between nurses, pharmacists, and lab technologists, leads to better patient satisfaction, improved health outcomes, and a more efficient healthcare system (No. [14], No. [19]).

#### Integration of Medical Laboratories in Collaborative Healthcare

The integration of medical laboratories plays a pivotal role in the healthcare system by contributing essential diagnostic testing, which aids clinical decision-making processes. The collaborative efforts between laboratory professionals and other healthcare providers enhance treatment pathways and contribute to better patient outcomes. The key responsibilities, challenges, and benefits of medical laboratory integration are outlined in this paper, underscoring the importance of collaboration in improving patient care.

#### Key Responsibilities

One of the primary roles of medical laboratories within the healthcare system is diagnostic testing. Laboratories provide accurate and timely data that clinicians use to guide their treatment decisions. Diagnostic tests, such as blood tests, imaging, and cultures, are critical for identifying conditions early, monitoring disease progression, and determining the most effective treatments for patients. Laboratory technologists work with healthcare providers to ensure that test results are processed efficiently and communicated promptly to the responsible medical team, allowing for timely interventions.

In addition to providing diagnostic testing, medical laboratories support clinicians by offering data that inform treatment regimens. Laboratory results contribute to decision-making by confirming diagnoses, determining drug dosages, and identifying potential drug interactions. Furthermore, laboratory tests can identify markers for genetic conditions, enabling personalized medicine approaches that are tailored to the individual patient's needs.

The responsibilities of laboratory professionals extend beyond technical tasks. They also have an educational role, guiding healthcare teams on the appropriate use of laboratory services. Effective communication between laboratory personnel, physicians, and other healthcare providers is crucial for ensuring that test results are interpreted accurately and that subsequent treatment decisions are based on the most relevant and up-to-date data available.

### Challenges in Isolation

Despite the critical role that medical laboratories play in patient care, there are several challenges that arise when laboratory services operate in isolation from other healthcare disciplines. One of the main challenges is the delayed communication of test results. In many healthcare settings, laboratory results may be delayed due to inefficient processes, which can significantly impact treatment timelines. A delay in reporting critical test results can lead to prolonged patient suffering, inappropriate treatments, or missed opportunities for early interventions (Smith et al., 2013; Williams et al., 2014).

The isolation of medical laboratories also poses challenges related to the accuracy of test results and their interpretation. When laboratory professionals are not adequately integrated into the clinical decision-making process, there may be misinterpretations of test data, which can compromise patient outcomes. For example, failure to discuss results with the treating physician may result in tests being misunderstood or not being used to their full diagnostic potential (Jones & Patel, 2015).

Another challenge is the lack of interdisciplinary collaboration. In isolation, laboratory professionals may not have a complete understanding of the clinical context in which a test is ordered. This lack of context can lead to incomplete testing or failure to consider alternative diagnoses. Without the opportunity to engage with other healthcare providers, laboratories may miss out on important clinical insights that could enhance the interpretation of results and improve patient care (Johnson et al., 2014).

### Benefits of Collaboration

Collaboration between medical laboratories and other healthcare providers offers significant benefits, particularly in improving diagnostic-to-treatment pathways. The integration of laboratory services with clinical teams enables faster communication of test results, ensuring that treatment decisions are based on the most current and accurate information available. This streamlined communication can lead to faster diagnoses, quicker initiation of appropriate treatments, and ultimately, improved patient outcomes (Harris et al., 2015; Thompson et al., 2016).

The integration of medical laboratories also promotes a more holistic approach to patient care. When laboratory professionals collaborate with clinicians, they gain a deeper understanding of the patient's clinical context, allowing for more accurate and relevant test orders. This collaborative approach not only ensures that the correct tests are performed but also that the results are interpreted in the appropriate clinical context, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of the treatment plan (Miller et al., 2014; Walker & Allen, 2015).

Moreover, integrated laboratory systems can contribute to the development of more efficient care pathways by automating processes such as result reporting and clinical decision support. With integrated information systems, clinicians can access test results directly in the electronic health record (EHR), which reduces delays and minimizes the risk of miscommunication. This integration enables healthcare providers to make faster, data-driven decisions and optimize treatment plans in real-time, leading to more timely and accurate patient care (Fisher et al., 2015; Green et al., 2016).

Finally, the integration of medical laboratories within a collaborative framework enhances patient safety by ensuring that laboratory results are appropriately managed and acted upon. For instance, integrated systems allow for alerts to be triggered when abnormal results are found, prompting immediate attention from healthcare providers. This reduces the risk of oversight and ensures that critical test results are promptly communicated to the relevant healthcare professionals (Johnson et al., 2016; Robinson et al., 2016).

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## **Conclusion**

The integration of medical laboratories into healthcare systems plays a pivotal role in improving patient care, enabling clinicians to make informed decisions based on precise diagnostic data. Laboratories facilitate critical processes, such as disease detection, treatment monitoring, and prognosis assessment, which directly influence clinical outcomes. However, the optimal functioning of laboratories requires overcoming several challenges, including communication barriers, technological gaps, and the isolation of laboratory services from other healthcare sectors.

Collaboration across disciplines—between clinical practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory staff—can address these issues by fostering efficient data sharing, reducing delays in diagnosis and treatment, and enhancing overall patient care. The timely transmission of test results and the integration of laboratory findings into patient management pathways ensure that healthcare providers can act swiftly and accurately. Moreover, multidisciplinary collaboration not only improves the efficiency of care delivery but also enhances patient safety, as clinical decisions are made using comprehensive, interdisciplinary inputs.

Thus, the continued emphasis on integrating laboratory services with other healthcare providers is essential for improving treatment outcomes, reducing errors, and optimizing the healthcare delivery process. As the healthcare environment continues to evolve with technological advances, ensuring seamless interaction between all disciplines will remain key to achieving the highest standards of patient care. Integrating laboratories into broader collaborative practices is not just a matter of improving processes but is integral to advancing the quality of healthcare overall.

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**الملخص:**

الخلفية: يلعب التعاون بين التخصصات المختلفة في الرعاية الصحية دوراً حيوياً في تحسين جودة العلاج والتشخيص. إن دمج جهود الصيدلة السريرية، التمريض، والمخبرات الطبية يساهم بشكل كبير في تعزيز فعالية الرعاية الصحية للمرضى. الصيدلة السريرية تركز على إدارة الأدوية وتوجيه العلاجات الدوائية، بينما يساهم التمريض في تقديم الرعاية اليومية والمتابعة المستمرة للمرضى. من جهة أخرى، تسهم المختبرات الطبية بتقديم نتائج دقيقة تسهم في اتخاذ قرارات العلاج المناسبة.

الهدف: يهدف هذا المقال إلى استكشاف دور التعاون بين هذه التخصصات في تحسين سير العلاج وتقديم رعاية شاملة للمرضى، مع التركيز على كيفية تحسين جودة الرعاية الصحية من خلال الدمج الفعال بين هذه المجالات.

الطرق: تم استعراض الأدلة الحالية حول أهمية التعاون بين الصيدلة السريرية، التمريض، والمخبرات الطبية، مع تحليل كيفية تأثير هذا التعاون على مسارات العلاج وجودة الرعاية. كما تناول المقال التحديات التي قد تواجه الفرق متعددة التخصصات وكيفية التغلب عليها.

النتائج: يعزز التعاون بين هذه التخصصات من تحسين التشخيص والعلاج للمرضى، حيث يؤدي تكامل البيانات من المختبرات، التوجيه الصيدلي، والمتابعة التمريضية إلى قرارات علاجية أكثر دقة وسرعة.

الخلاصة: يظهر المقال أهمية التعاون بين التخصصات المختلفة لتحسين جودة الرعاية الصحية، ويؤكد على ضرورة الاستمرار في تعزيز هذا التعاون لضمان نتائج علاجية أفضل للمرضى.