Primary nursing

Hospitals bring back Florence Nightingale

By Joan Zydls

The last of World War II, the American registered nurse was today being called upon to assume the role of Florence Nightingale as she did during the Crimean War.

"This is a nurse in a hospital to be the last line of defense, just as Florence Nightingale was," said one nurse. "In this era, when technological advances are surpassing the capabilities of the human body, the nurse must be more than just a technical assistant. She must be a true partner in the patient's care, providing emotional support and encouragement.

"Primary nursing requires a nurse to be present at all times, ready to respond to the patient's needs," said another nurse. "It involves not just administering medications, but also understanding the patient's condition and providing emotional support. It is a holistic approach to patient care, focusing on the patient's overall well-being.

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