know we've difficult she is asking questions… what is to following next? What must I do next? Although she's doing the procedures, she is asking why am I doing this? give me the rational? And she was so good, she was so good.

Inter: So after hospital Y… did you find the same experience in other hospitals?

Resp 7: I went to hospital Z…after hospital Y… in hospital there is less work there because it's too advanced… the thermometers it's not the one that you need to shake the one that just press…the theee bawonometers and those one the stethoscope the baonometer so I find there less work there…in in hospital Z…. But most thing in hospital Z … they don't entertain us to that demonstrations…there was a demonstration time in Y hospital at two o'clock… and when the visitors are talking to the patients up until they call that unit manager will call the students to the demonstrating room…it was room…then she will ask us what we want to do for the day… and on the other day… the discharges and the admissions… what to follow… what to do everything…That was nice…every two o'clock… ok two o'clock we were meeting for the demonstrations.

She will be demonstrating for whatever….and we ask questions…and it was nice because she was doing something … we ask from then and she ask us from what she will be doing…

Inter: Ok!!!

Resp 7: it was good… we were like we are in class!!!

Inter: Ok…so hospital Z you were just enjoying the modernity.

Resp 7: Just modernity… nothing much…just input and output.

Inter: and what about the patient …anything that you did learn from the patients or anything that you remember of?

Resp 7: But what I can say… what I can say in hospital Z they take good care of the patients they don't scare the patient or what…they always look out for the patients I don't know may be is a big hospital or they are scared of the doctors or what I don't know…but patients they comes first in hospital Z …that what I notice…there was not even patient one that is not attended…most of them and even there was not even a patient that is asking for something there because they were well taken of.

Inter: so they don't even

Resp 7: no they don't have…no in hospital Z everything was fine.

Inter: so beside what that sister did teach you in in eee in hospital Y…and whatever you did learn there… can you tell me you still remember …say in me first year these people were so helpful to teach me in first year?

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Resp 7: haaa…I will go for hospital Y…. hospital Y sister, the unite manger in room three was such sister

She over done herself, she over done herself…she accommodated us in a way that haaaa …what can I say? haaa um…I remember what make me to do nursing…the way she accommodated us…she told us nursing not, people don't come in as they are coming nursing is not about money… nursing is not about… this is a carrier that you need to achieve

Inter: Ok!!

Resp 7: Not because you are there, you want money …you need work…you need to go overseas getting more money is about your carrier you can do more…you can go in places.

Inter: what can you tell to someone coming for nursing course, on how was your experiences like? Just to open up for her?

Resp 7: Just to have patience… as time goes on this things works out…she must just I know on the first day is not easy…those people they don't accommodate you on your first day …Even in hospital Z… we got problem because that why I say is university students… they call us names…we have got names they call us… I am so amazed of university students that is staying here up until four o'clock…they always disappear, disappear all the time you never saw them.

Inter: they do disappear or they lying?

Resp 7: Some of them they do disappear, that what I am saying… some are spending the bad name for us… because some of them they do disappear… some of them they don't want to do anything… they are playing with their phones….so they go to mixing they are giving the bad name…you think they are not watching, they are washing

Inter: why do you think they disappear and go to do mixing while others are in the ward?

Resp 7: because, they are just there to be there.

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Inter: just to be there! They are not interested.

Resp 7: They are just there to be here…not that they are there to do the work…to experience what they learn in class…they are just there because they have to be there.

Inter: That interesting may be I will be watching them

Resp 7: yaa…They are there , you can just watch them…or just walk in and sit near… to the patient just walk in as a visitor you will see them… playing with their cell phone and when the cell phone rings they answer their cell phone when we are told here we were no suppose to answer our cell phone in front of our patients…And other one day we were busy a colleague of mine… we turning a patient…and a cell phone rings I couldn't believe she left the patient… and

then answer the phone…then said oh my goodness, what if this patient can fall because now I am on my own… I am on the opposite side she can just roll over.

Inter: I understand your worries. Any question that you think is remaining, that you can really know about the first year experiences for you?

Resp 7: sorry?

Inter: anything that you think you left, behind… that you can think I can't miss to tell you this and that?

Resp 7: no there is nothing much…but is that …what I can say is that I enjoyed it…I enjoyed it! I enjoyed first year!!

Inter: ok…that beautiful…and your supervisor was a help.

Resp 7: too much…haaa that she was a good lady …she was really teaching me…because before she can do evaluation she would do with you the guided practice… that what I like..because in those guided practice you will learn…she will tell you after…she gives you the feedback…after that she say: "Ok…you missed that and you miss that…you will know when you are doing the evaluation …ok… this is what I'm missed and this is what…now I have to do more there and there….she just doesn't come in for evaluation, no she comes in then teaches you something then she ask what do you need to know? What can I do? "

Inter: And what you did in the skills lab was it enough for you too, to be in the hospitals?

Resp 7: what I saw…what can I say… is that when you are…one…one, think that they can't teach us everything at the same time…that what I learn…but at the time that I was at hospital …I felt oho…they didn't teach us much… because now I can't do blood pressure…I am not of help and all those things…they have to go and ask people to help out that later…but when I later when

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we later do all those things I find out Ok…you don't just do blood because you have to do blood pressure you need to know more!! Then I said " Ok…that why they start with basics… you need to know more…what if is like this…and…there is a lot of things…I felt like it was too much

Inter: that was correct.

Resp 7: yaaa… with blood pressure you just don't do blood pressure because you have to do blood pressure that what I learned I said Ok I was so comfortable.

Inter: you did understand the point behind to not teach you so quickly the practical

Resp 7: Yes, I did understand very much I did get it because now I could find even in one of the nurse that was doing…just doing the procedure because they have to do the blood pressure….they don't know the importance of it… if may be they say four hourly they ignore it… they don't know why the doctor say four hourly…they don't know the importance of that thing…so I felt ok !!! They are just doing because they said vital signs for six or for eight hourly…they just do it and whatever…sometimes you see that they are faking it… if may be they are still busy in hospital Y because there is only one stethoscope…that why in one o'clock it was…the systolic was one twenty…ok four o'clock is one twenty again… they don't know if they are told that thing… ok now I can see why they didn't teach us in the beginning.

Inter: Ok… that beautiful that you did understand now...

Resp 7: ok

Inter: it was very niece to chat with you… I think I did learn a lot from what you are telling me…it is very beautiful that you did participate in this research…may be what you telling us gona help somewhere…and I'm happy that you are not a fake nurse…you are a nurse from the

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heart…because you are a nurse from the heart you will be interested of other nurses to be built and to be comfortable…when they are doing their first year.

Thank you very much!!

Resp 7: ok …Thank you

Inter: I understand now.

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