

# A Marriage of Doctor and Standardized Patient

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Before Dr. Kao Sheng-Po was in charge of the standardized patient center, his wife, Sister Cheng Chiu-Chin, was primarily a housewife, taking care of their two children, and engaged in voluntary work in the community during her spare time, leading a fulfilling life. Because of her commitment to family, Sister Cheng did not participate in the standardized patient program at launch.

As an obstetrician, Dr. Kao was already occupied with clinical and teaching duties, and was always on call because of the uncertainty in delivery time. After accepting the position leading the standardized patient center, his sense of mission towards medical education strengthened. And to promote the training of standardized patient, he travelled here and there during his off-days, training new educators and sharing his experience.

Witnessing Dr. Kao's working day and night for the medical students due to the center's limited human resources and support, Sister Cheng decided to contribute. Her very first assignment was to be a timekeeper and change batteries in an OSCE examination for nurse



**Sister Cheng Chiu-Chin, the wife of Dr. Kao Sheng-Po, is involved in the standardized patient program. The most frequent role she portrayed was a mother carrying her sick children to the hospital.**



**Sister Chou Yen-Hsin(right below) realized that she is more than happy to be a teacher for the examinees after she became involved in standardized patient training, during which she felt a sense of personal growth.**

practitioner. Without her, Sister Cheng said with a smile, her husband might very well be the instructor, timekeeper, and examiner.

So in addition to chores at home and voluntary work in the community, Sister Cheng allocated a portion of her time in the center, hoping to ease the burden of Dr. Kao, and that was how she began her involvement in the training sessions of standardized patient. As a former nurse, she was quick into her role. The most frequent role she portrayed was a panicking mother carrying her sick children to the hospital.

The standardized patient center plays a critical role in medical education, Sister Cheng Chiu-Chin said. A decade had gone by, with most of the volunteers grew old, recruitment and training became



priority. She hopes that more and more young people are willing to involve in the program, since OSCE clinical skill training and assessment continues to be in demand of new standardized patients, and the implementation of the program in the training sessions of all medical personnel had only begun.