ROLE OF PERIANESTHESIA NURSE IN AN ELECTRONIC HOME MEDICATION LIST (eHML) PROGRAM
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Background:
Medication reconciliation is a safety goal to prevent medication error by the Joint Commission. Initiating a home medication list by patient is an initial phase of the process. This process continue to have problems like inaccurate or incomplete documentation causing OR delays and dissatisfaction. A research funded project of electronic home medication list program was initiated to improve patient’s safety.

Objectives:
The goal is to integrate perianesthesia nursing role in the eHML program. Objectives are to engage nurses in recommending and reviewing the final process including: responsibilities and staff education.

Process:
The Primary Investigator/Coordinator educated and obtained feedbacks from nurses including competency checklist. An eHML copy obtained from the program resource was available the day before surgery and was validated with patient by the Prep/Holding Nurse on the day of surgery. Patient’s corrections were re-updated in the eHML prior to patient going to surgery.

Successful Practice:
The partnership between the program resources and perianesthesia nurses resulted to 100% eHML documentation prior to patient’s transfer to the OR and nurses were very satisfied.

Implications:
Partnership in delivery of care using technology had shown improvement in completing the patient’s medications list. The role of the perianesthesia nurse continue to be a vital link to safety.