CREATION OF SYSTEMATIC APPROACH IN MANAGING PATIENTS WITH INTERNAL COMPRESSION DEVICES (ICD) AND PACEMAKER
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Background:
The management of patients with ICD and pacemaker requires a preoperative plan of care to prevent complications in the OR that may be triggered with the procedure. The system problems on the day of surgery requires a significant time to solve the complicated issues resulting to OR delays and cancelation. Therefore, the need to address this system issues are critical for patient’s safety and satisfaction.

Objectives:
The goal was to create a systematic approach in managing patients with ICD and pacemaker. The objective was to identify a collaborative approach with providers to reduce OR delays and cancelations.

Process:
NM and Nurse Educator met with the appropriate decision makers to address system issues regarding this patient population. A systematic approach was designed based on administrative decision including interrogation, documentation and pre and post op plan of care.

Successful Practice:
The staff initiated project resulted in a collaborative program that reduced OR delays and cancelation. A systematic approach has been very successful with the commitment of the healthcare team.

Implications:
Advocating for patient’s safety is the responsibility of the healthcare team including perianesthesia nurse. Nurses need to be involved and speak up to improve patient’s safety.