Background Information

- The Peri-Operative Division has many different practice settings. We identified a need for better understanding of the process of care delivery within the Pre-Op, OR and PACU areas.

Objectives

- Define and communicate specific nursing care practices, as well as the priorities unique to each unit.
- Increase understanding of the role and responsibilities of each department, for the other.
- Enhance professional working relationships that will lead to increased job satisfaction; interrelationship and coordination of patient care, and the formation of an alliance of the Pre-op operating room and post-anesthesia care unit nursing staff.

Implementation

- Leadership from the Peri-Anesthesia and Peri-Operative areas initiated this process.
- The Educators and Nurse-in-Charge (NIC) developed a “Walk in my Shoes Program”.
- Participants in the program are able to observe the Preop admission process, the care of the patient Intraop and the care of the patient in the PACU.

Successful Practice Identified

- This program gives the nurses involved a better understanding of the care provided in each practice setting.
- This experience highlights the priorities of care and the reasons that these change from unit to unit.

Implications for Perianesthesia Nurses

- RNs are now able to identify information that can improve care of the patient from unit to unit.
- This experience and the knowledge gained helps to promotes collaborative practice.
- The opportunity to “Walk in my Shoes” has improved relationships from unit to unit.