PRE-OP CLINIC
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Background Information:
In order to better serve our patients in the surgical experience the Perioperative Services
Department will provide a Preoperative Clinic at North Colorado Medical Center. The clinic will
provide a service to decrease inconsistent surgical preparation and clearance along with chart
preparation, requirements for the Surgical Site Infection Program and Colorado Medicare System
Regulations.

Objectives of Project:
Prevent patient delay and / or cancellation
Improve patient education to the surgical process
Eliminate unnecessary testing
Provide needed consultations
Reduce duplication of service
Increase physician and anesthesiologist satisfaction
Provide Nurse Practitioner service

Process of implementation:
Develop a timeline, goals, objectives, and parking lot issues
Identify physical and staff requirements
Identify departments, physicians; patients may be affected by the Pre-Op Clinic
Identify, create, and implement patient and physician education
Follow the ASPAN and ASA Standards

Statement of the successful practice:
The Pre-Op clinic will enhance patient satisfaction by providing one stop shopping – less delays
and cancellation; improved education of the preoperative process, surgeon and anesthesiology
satisfaction through the use of Registered Nurses and a Nurse Practitioner.

Implications for advancing the practice of perianesthesia nursing:
Identification of risk factors, patient safety, cultural diversity needs, spiritual needs and financial
concerns will be addressed prior to the surgical experience. The Pre-Op Clinic experience of the
patient will be enhanced by the partnership in the delivery of care.