The Role of the Operating Room Nurse Manager in the Successful Implementation of Preoperative Briefings and Postoperative Debriefings in the VHA Medical Team Training Program.
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Abstract

Background: In order to improve communication within surgical teams, Veterans Heath Administration (VHA) implemented a Medical Team Training Program (MTT) based on the principles of crew resource management.

Methods: 102 VHA facilities were analyzed. Nursing leadership participation in the planning stages of the program was compared to outcomes at follow up.

Results: Nurse Manager participation in planning was associated with higher rates of implementation of preoperative briefing and postoperative debriefing.

Conclusion: Nurse Managers are a critical component in the planning phase of team training programs focused on OR clinical staff.