BUILDING AN ASPAN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION RESOURCE TOOL

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Background

Federal initiatives are pushing the adoption of electronic health records (EHR), an initiative that dramatically change nursing practice (1). The National League for Nursing stated that there is a minimal implementation of healthcare professionals knowledge and skills in computer and information literacy (2). Problems encountered in implementation of EHR are both organizational and behavioral in nature. Attitudes may be attributed to failures of the implementers to seek input from potential users (3). Therefore, an ASPAN Strategic Work Team was formed to identify recommendations that will assist nurses in the implementation of electronic documentation.

Objective

To develop a resource tool to enhance the education and transition process of perianesthesia nurses to an electronic documentation.

Process Implementation

A team of perianesthesia experts were selected and partnered with nursing system Informational Technology (IT) experts who have been directly involved in the actual design of perianesthesia electronic documentation. Four teams were created representing the preparatory, development, implementation and evaluation phases. Background, purpose statement, brief scenario, and recommended tips were addressed. Dissemination approach will be through presentation, website access, and publication.

Successful Practice

The merging of the four phases of electronic documentation and different phases of perianesthesia care was successful. The partnership of perianesthesia nurses and system IT experts provided different perspectives as users and developers.

Implications for Perianesthesia Nursing

This resource tool will provide an educational information and practice recommendations that can influence the organizational environment including perianesthesia settings to provide safe patient care and computer ease of use.

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