

PHASE 2 POST ANESTHESIA RECOVERY TIME MANAGEMENT: A NEW MODEL OF CARE

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Background Information: The Same Day Care Unit at Mayo Clinic Health System, Mankato provides ambulatory care for patients returning home the day of surgery.

Objectives of Project: The project goal is to increase the percentage of time a Same Day Care RN cares for more than one patient at a time from 38% to 60% per day by the end first quarter 2015. Based on the American Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses phase 2 recommendations a time management model was introduced.

Process of Implementation: Using the DMAIC model, a team of licensed and unlicensed Same Day Care staff adopted a time based framework which divides all necessary cares for the patient into four 15 minute periods of time. A licensed and unlicensed staff pair will be assigned to each patient and they will use the model to guide care delivery.

Statement of Successful Practice: A pilot using the framework is currently in progress by members of the team.

Initial responses to the pilot identified that collaboration between staff using the framework will depend on commitment to communicate differently and adopt new habits when caring for patients.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing: We anticipate using the time management model will be more efficient, increase autonomy in unlicensed personnel, provide smoother transitions between licensed care providers, ensure consistent quality of care, reduce wasted time, and support the licensed staff to be able to care for more than one phase 2 patient at a time.