

## **LOCAL PRE-OP, LOCAL OR, REGIONAL LOCAL EDUCATION TOOL/COMPETENCY**

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**Background Information:** Healthcare quality improvement and clinical competence are priorities to ensure the safety of the patients. Due to the increase in surgical patients requiring regional/peripheral nerve blocks, digital local preop-block, and intraoperative monitoring for patients using only local anesthesia, staff expressed concerns for attaining knowledge and competency that reflects current nursing practice. Nurse Manager assessed the capabilities and competence of staff; providing educational opportunities and ensuring the implementation of staff performance evaluation. A clinical competence self-assessment survey was evaluated of the nurse's knowledge, skills, and abilities. Nurse Manager and Educator discovered that 80% of nurses are not able to provide the services that support patient care needs.

**Objectives of Project:** To create a Local Education Competency Tool for each procedure. Educate staff of the Local Pre-Operative Digital block, Regional Block and Monitor patient under local anesthesia. Educate staff of the Local Toxicity Policy and Algorithm.

**Process of Implementation:** A self- evaluation survey was initiated. Clinical areas of needs were identified. Nurses were educated on the new policy, standard, procedure and protocols.

**Statement of Successful Practice:** A post clinical nurse assessment was completed. Perianesthesia and Perioperative nurses have the clinical knowledge and skills to safely care for the patient needing to have a local regional block.

**Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing:** Competence assessment is an ongoing and a dynamic process. Perianesthesia and Perioperative are competent in caring for the patients requiring, monitoring the patient receiving local anesthesia.