

Implementation of a Virtual Simulation-based Teamwork Training Program for Emergency Events in the Perioperative Setting



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WHAT WE LEARNED

Members of an inter-professional perioperative team were able to implement the tools represented within the TeamSTEPPS® framework and improve communication and teamwork during emergency clinical events.

PURPOSE

Improve communication and optimize teamwork during emergency events by utilizing the tools represented within the AHRQ's TeamSTEPPS® platform



BACKGROUND

- Poor communication leads to adverse clinical events/sentinel events
- "Communication openness" identified as below the benchmark on a AHRQ survey
- Strategic plan to improve communication & teamwork during emergency events

PROGRAM DESIGN

- Covid-19 required social distancing-based learning.
- Pre-Brief: Session Orientation (TeamSTEPPS®); Learning Objectives
- Simulation Video: Concise one-hour virtual session
 - Interactive (Zoom Meeting)
 - Highlight teachable moments
- Debrief: Maximize individual participation; Group discussion; Communication skills practice
- Summation: Takeaway points

PARTICIPANTS

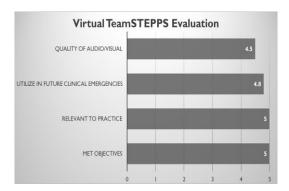
All-Inclusive Perioperative Team

- Perioperative Nursing
- Anesthesia Faculty
- Anesthesia Residents
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Surgical Residents



POST-SIMULATION SURVEY

80 Responses: All Disciplines Represented
Administered one week & 6 months after session



CONCLUSIONS

Opportunities for Improved Communication based on:

- Shared Goals
- Mutual Respect
- Shared Knowledge

Observed utilization in emergency events & daily practice

Future: Implement throughout the organization