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Rapid Refresher Recovery Class

**Purpose:** Ongoing education for a Perianesthesia Care Unit is imperative for staff and care to grow and develop with new practice and evidence.

**Description:** PACU nurses thrive on gaining knowledge to improve their bedside care. Since PACU’s care for a high acuity and large variety of patient populations, staff must be prepared to provide safe, rapid recovery. With 80 surgeries done a day, education, timing, and involvement are vital. Staff were surveyed during one to one questioning what areas of education topics they would like to learn more about or feel the department would benefit from. A program was developed to accommodate all topics and provide ongoing education to match evidence based practice. Sessions included ventilators, 12 leak EKG interpretations and other topics. The program was divided into sections so there could be focus and would allow for staff to attend during work time.

**Evaluation and Outcomes:** The PACU has many nurses with a variety of professional backgrounds who also participate in the hospital professional nurse development program. When topics were communicated, several nursing staff wanted to work with the PACU’s clinical nurse specialist on developing course content for their areas of expertise.