Regional Anesthesia Service Review

**Purpose:** After a full year of implementing the pre-operative regional anesthesia service (RAS) in the Holding Area, we wanted to evaluate our program to assess for opportunities of improvement and celebrate successes. In addition we wanted to examine and evaluate how we would accommodate the growing number of patients in this area.

**Description:** The increased efficiency of the program, allows for a growing number of patients to utilize the RAS. Additional existing staff nurses were trained on the RAS policy, procedure and standards of care. A patient care technician (PCT) was also trained in this manner, and given a portable phone for easy communication access. This PCT is effective in assisting the anesthesia staff during regional procedures and stocking the RAS supply cart. An additional mobile cart was purchased and stocked in the same manner as the previous cart, to meet the growing patient demand and to promote consistency for the anesthesia staff and nurses.

**Outcome:** The additional nurse training, the designated RAS patient care technician, and the additional supply cart have provided the area with the needed resources to accommodate the growing number of patients receiving pre-operative regional anesthesia.