Initiating Computerized Documentation in the PACU

**Purpose:** The Perianesthesia Care Unit (PACU) has utilized paper documentation since it has existed. With innovation of technology, the PACU would begin using computerized nursing documentation.

**Description:** To prepare for the “go live” of the computerized system, the PACU organized and trained a 50 staff nurses. PACU leadership developed a Metavision committee and a work plan. Staff nurses in the PACU volunteered to be champions and obtained advanced training. The committee identified needs such as: outline of training schedules, documentation standard updates, process to manage the computers on wheels, super user support for the first week, increasing staffing for the first week and fun items to make the go live less stressful.

**Evaluation and Outcomes:** The team met every 2 weeks. They kept track of training and who needed additional training. Staff that required more training where sent to the other campus PACU which had already gone live with the computerized documentation system. Staff could shadow a hybrid room nurse for exposure. The team also outlined which super user, leadership team members, IS and staff was available for support the first week. The plan was organized and facilitated to a successful implementation of the first PACU nursing documentation system.