Concise Communication Tool

**Purpose:** Handoff and communication between the preoperative holding areas to the operating room is key in ensuring patient safety and that patients are ready for their procedure.

**Description:** The preoperative staff took the initiative to improve their SBAR report process. Previously the preoperative staff was using a SBAR sheet, a form to relay consent and site marking information, another placed on the front of the chart to communicate units of blood ready, and a family contact form. The staff mapped out of all the different forms that had redundant information on them. Preoperative and OR staff collaborated to determine the key information needed to ensure patient safety and OR readiness. A core group of pre-operative nurses drafted a one page communication tool.

**Evaluation and Outcomes:** Instead of having several forms in various locations there is now one sheet-posted in one location. This form is easy for the PACU staff to fill out and the OR nurses to reference. Fewer things are missed, because there is now one well formatted form to reference instead of many.