Standardization of Nursing Electronic Documentation in Perianesthesia Area

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Background

In 2015 a multi-unit merger within the perianesthesia area created a wide variability in nursing documentation. Due to the implementation of electronic documentation and staff feedback a chart review committee was developed for standardization of documentation.

Objectives

➢ Ensure nursing electronic documentation standards across perianesthesia area
➢ Develop audit tool for nursing documentation in the perianesthesia areas
➢ Review/audit documentation and provide individual feedback to staff
➢ Educate staff on electronic documentation standards

Process of Implementation

➢ Creation of a chart review committee
➢ Developed audit tool for phases of care
➢ Provide ongoing feedback to individuals regarding documentation compliance
➢ Report out data at staff meetings
➢ Provide weekly “Tuesday Charting Tips”
➢ Incentives for improvement

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing

➢ Developing standards for electronic documentation
➢ Promote consistent documentation methods for all staff nurses
➢ Provide individual feedback about electronic documentation
➢ Standards of documentation allowing for seamless extrapolation of information for all team members

Obstacles

➢ Compliance percentages fluctuate greatly
➢ A large influx of novice staff in the last 2 years
➢ A multi unit merger of perianesthesia areas greatly affects the results
➢ Motivation to improve is variable with some staff
➢ Lack of knowledge related to minimum documentation requirements

Statements of Success

➢ Electronic documentation standards are consistent and clear
➢ Initial resistance from staff has evolved into positive feedback
➢ Committee has expanded to accommodate work load
➢ Committee members also serve as a resource in the unit
➢ Instrumental in documentation policy changes