Nurses are encouraged to articulate the work they do, every day at the bedside, which profoundly impacts patient care and positive outcomes. Perianesthesia nurses make a difference: sharing the stories as anecdotes and exemplars fosters pride in practice and serves to recognize and reward the real work of nursing.

Outline

I. You tell stories every day
   a. Benner’s perspective
   b. Stories matter
   c. Inspiration
   d. Courage, dedication
   e. Parts of a Story
      i. The five “W”s

II. Write it Down
   a. What happened?
   b. How do you feel about it?
   c. What can you share?
   d. Ideas: best practice
   e. Near nmiss
   f. Mission values
   g. ‘moral of the story’
   h. clinical exemplars
   i. innovation

III. Overall Image of Nursing
   a. Showcase expertise, care
   b. Nursing recruitment
   c. Maintain patient focus
   d. Believe in yourself
   e. Improve your culture

References