

BREAKING THE BARRIERS WITH THE PERIOPERATIVE ROUND TABLE

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A Perioperative Round Table was developed in a 988 bed academic, community Magnet™ hospital to facilitate an improved working environment, with a focus to increase communication to provide a positive patient experience. This committee was initially developed to focus mainly on the issues and concerns faced by the operative team. During the last three years, an inter-professional approach has evolved and currently all perioperative specialties are now represented at the roundtable including: Surgical Staging, Operating Room, Anesthesia, Sterile Processing, and Post Anesthesia Care Units. This has brought together all stakeholders in the patient experience and perioperative throughput.

Functions of Perioperative Round Table include 1) seek feedback about current issues from respective team members and present those issues at the monthly meeting 2) develop creative solutions to perioperative issues and present in a collaborative approach 3) provide recommendations to perioperative administration to help implement, monitor and evaluate solutions.

Positive results include the formation of a staffing council unique to the operating room, and a newly structured charter that reflects shared governance values and staff empowerment. The Perioperative Round Table has improved interdisciplinary communication, and facilitated team work throughout perioperative continuum. Overall, the perioperative units work more cohesively to improve patient flow which enhances the patient centered experience.