

CREATING A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR THE NEW PREPROCEDURE FLOAT POOL NURSE

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Background Information:

- A new Preprocedure Float Pool was created to supplement staff in Pre Procedural areas within the hospital and ambulatory center
- Pre Procedural areas included Preadmission, Pre Op, Cardiac Cath Lab, Endoscopy and Pain clinic
- 15/20 hired were Newly Licensed Nurses (NLN), who started their orientation in the Pre Op Unit of the Hospital
- There was no quick resource guide to refer to for practice in this area

Objectives of Project:

- To assist nurses new to the area with guidelines for practice
- To ensure safety in practice by following policy and procedure
- To educate staff on new changes in practice and reinforce current practice
- To provide support and validation of practice for NLN's

Implementation:

- A pocket sized resource guide was created for nurses to have with them while on the unit
- Information in the laminated spiral bound guide included:
 - ✓ Documentation standards for consents and H&P's
 - ✓ Required lab work and testing based on age and procedure
 - ✓ Required site markings
 - ✓ Recommended IV placements for the particular procedure
 - ✓ Required skin assessment documentation
 - ✓ Epic documentation requirements

Statement of Successful Practice:

- Nurses during and after their orientation felt comfortable having a quick reference guide available to them.
- NLN's had confidence being their patient's advocate when making sure all pre procedure requirements were completed by all team members.
- Nurses floated to Pre Op from other peri op areas also used the guide to maintain adherence to policy and procedure.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing:

- Pre Op is an area where accurate documentation and adherence to pre procedure policies are crucial for patient safety

- Having a resource guide available to all nurses who are floated into this area helps maintain patient safety.