

WHAT'S AT YOUR BEDSIDE? LESS IS MORE!

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Background Information: The Cleveland Clinic Main Campus PACU nurses developed a 5S system for their bedside carts. The goal was to have identical and organized carts in all three PACUs.

Objectives of Project: The nurses in the PACU recognized that the PACU bedside carts were disorganized and overstocked. The staff would become frustrated because some supplies were not readily available while other supplies were overstocked and often spilling out of or behind drawers. This resulted in expired and wasted supplies

Process of Implementation: The PACU nurses took an inventory of the supplies on the cart. They made a list of what supplies were essential. The staff determined a par level of supplies to be stocked in the carts. The newly designed carts were trialed in the E PACU for a month. The PACU nurses were asked for their input via an email evaluation. The outcome of the evaluation resulted in the establishment of a content list and par level of the supplies to be stocked in the carts.

Statement of Successful Practice: Organizing and setting par levels for the supplies on the bedside cart resulted in a significant cost savings of approximately 1.8 million dollars annually. The nurses were featured on my 2 cents which is a Cleveland Clinic program highlighting innovative ideas of the staff. They received 2 caregiver awards and a Tier 4 award for their cart project.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing: The par leveling and organization of supplies in the bedside carts has led to increased efficiency of services, and significant cost savings for the PACU.