SAME DAY HYSTERECTOMY

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Background Information: Robotic Laparoscopic Total Hysterectomy patients have been a onenight stay since the advent of robotic equipment. These patients needed only oral pain management, had little post op nausea, and no bleeding. All GYN surgeons were encouraged to comply with same day procedure.

Process of Implementation: Plan of care and order sets were created by a team of GYN surgeons. Policy and Procedure were written by Nursing Management team. Implementation was started after 6 months of planning.

Statement of Successful Practice: Monthly statistics were collected to study percentage of patients sent home successfully as same day procedures. Data was collected as the reasons why patients stayed overnight.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing: How to better structure Phase 2 nursing care over a 4 hour period was needed. How to increase RN staff and support staff on these days was also needed. Could this practice be expanded to other robotic procedures in the future?