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**Objectives of Project:**  
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 Teambuilding and learning from peers  
 Awareness of common and unique issues and how to resolve them

**Process of Implementation:** Our team reviewed numerous SEMs and we identified the unique and most seen topics into six different case studies. These six case studies were presented at our annual skills day in a group setting. Eighty plus nurses were split into two annual skills day. At skills day, we split the staff into six groups and gave them 15 minutes to review, discuss, and present their case study to the entire group. We provided explanation and education wrapped around each case study while they were discussed, and gave the staff ability to ask questions.

**Statement of Successful Practice:** The event was well received and we had full participation from the staff. An evaluation was filled out by staff and they felt the Case Studies were very useful in their daily job, confirmed or clarified skills/knowledge, and gained new knowledge.

**Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing:** Presenting this information in this format provides nurses with a different way to process, comprehend, and retain education, while increasing their critical thinking skills.

# Let's Take a Closer Look: Reviewing Safety Events at Annual Skills Day

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- **Kidney Transplant**
  - Access, medications, compatibility
- **Case Cancellation**
  - Proper documentation, destination, and care
- **Handoff**
  - Significant Events, SBAR
- **Consents**
  - Validity, laterality, elective vs emergent
- **Patient Identification**
  - Discrepancy, who to notify
- **Critical Thinking**
  - Patient deterioration, transport stability, documentation

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### Evaluation Outcomes:

Please rate the **SCENARIO/SEM** review in terms of its impact and usefulness in the following areas, using the scale below.



**1 = Not useful at all** **5 = Very useful**

Area	1	2	3	4	5
The topics covered were relevant to me.			2.7%	22%	75%
Useful in your daily work				27.7%	72%
Did the scenarios confirm or clarify skills/knowledge			5.5%	16.6%	77.7%
Gain knowledge			16.6%	11.1%	72.2%
Increasing your <b>ability</b> to train and mentor others			2.7%	27.7%	69.4%

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