

## **First Case on Time Starts: A Model for Perianesthesia Impact**

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**Abstract Background Information:** Barnes Jewish West County Hospital (BJWCH) has a first case on time start (FCOTS) goal of 90%. In 2023, this goal was only met one month out of twelve. Achieving FCOTS is challenging. There are numerous variables involved that can impact this metric.

**Objectives of Project:** The objective of the BJWCH effort is to consistently achieve at least 90% FCOTS.

**Process of Implementation:** In February 2024, a position was proposed to act as a liaison between the OR and perianesthesia departments. This liaison position, perioperative charge nurse, was launched in June 2024. One of the primary goals, for this role, was to both identify and implement operational changes surrounding FCOTS and support efficiency by ensuring completion of required documentation in advance. This presentation will describe the processes this role utilizes as well as metrics it is responsible for to drive BJWCH to success.

**Statement of Successful Practice:** Successful practice would be meeting and maintaining our goal of 90% FCOTS through our determined interventions. The poster will discuss the process improvement initiatives and methods to obtain our goal.

**Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing:** Sharing our process may assist other perianesthesia areas in instituting our overall strategy of improving efficiency and reliability.