

**The Creation of a PACU Rapid Response in Collaboration with the Surgical ICU
Perianesthesia Alliance: A Collaborative Effort Across the Health System to Unite
Nurse Leaders**

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Abstract Background Information: In order to enact change and implement innovative ideas in our electronic health record, there needs to be consensus across the entire University of Pennsylvania Health System. The Perianesthesia nurse managers at the 6 respective Penn entities realized that there was a huge opportunity to not only collaborate on EHR enhancements but also share best practices about policy and procedure, staffing guidelines, ASPAN standards, and so much more. This group was founded in 2019 between 4 of the hospitals and has since spread to all of the entities within the entire health system. This group has found much success thanks to the collaborative efforts from all the leaders.

Objectives of Project: To create a forum for nurse leaders to share best practices and create standardization across the entire health system.

Process of Implementation: The group established a virtual meeting cadence once a month to share "Hot Topics" such as regulatory practices from recent mock survey results, safety events, best practices surrounding falls, and medication administration. Because of this group, policies and practices have been able to be streamlined across the entities, such as the utilization of an electronic hand-off tool in EPIC between the PACU and inpatient floors.

Statement of Successful Practice: The group has been in motion for almost 6 years and continues to innovate and collaborate on strategies. It has helped the leaders be better prepared for regulatory visits from the Department of Health and Joint Commission as well as maintain ASPAN standards across all entities.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing: Collaboration between nurse leaders, especially in perianesthesia, is a great practice to implement in any setting. It allows leaders to have a psychologically safe environment to share ideas and discuss opportunities to elevate the profession to the next level.