

Background

- Pennsylvania Hospital Library, the nation's oldest medical library, hired a new Clinical Information Librarian to join its library services team in August 2022.
- Clinical nurses were unaware of the resources available from the Pennsylvania Hospital Library to support clinical practice and certification testing.
- PeriAnesthesia nursing projects had opportunities to be better informed by the most up to date evidence-based practice.

Objectives

- Examine the benefit of partnering with library services to purchase up-to-date resources for PeriAnesthesia Nurses.
- Explore the impact of a Clinical Nurse Education Specialist and the Clinical Information Librarian partnering to provide shoulder to shoulder support in reviewing free and available study materials for CAPA and CPAN certifications to increase certification rates within the PeriAnesthesia unit.
- Promote the utilization of Library Services and collaboration with the Clinical Information Librarian to support evidence-based practice within PeriAnesthesia .

References

- [Peri anesthesia - PAH Clinical Nursing - Guides at Penn Libraries](#)

Process of Implementation

- The Clinical Information Library used the LibGuides platform, provided by the hospital's affiliation with the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, to create a curated resource guide for clinical nurses organized by service line.
- This resource is available outside of the hospital's intranet environment.
- The Clinical Nurse Education Specialist collaborated with the Clinical Information Librarian to identify and purchase CAPA and CPAN certification review materials.
- The Clinical Nurse Education Specialist partnered with the Clinical Information Librarian to present at bi-yearly in-service presentations on using point of care tools, searching the literature for evidence-based resources, and scholarly communication. Partnering with the librarian on literature reviews and quality improvement projects was also highlighted and promoted by the PeriAnesthesia CNES and the Nurse Manager.



Statement of Successful Practice

- Since the Clinical Librarian joined PAH in 2022, 13 clinical nurses have become certified in PeriAnesthesia nursing including new-to-practice and new-to-specialty nurses
- PeriAnesthesia was the 3rd most frequently viewed page on the Clinical Nursing library guide from 2022-2025.
- With updated clinical perioperative resource library materials, there is an increased use of evidence-based resources and knowledge within the PeriAnesthesia setting.
- 10% of all incoming literature review requests from 2022 to 2025 were from PeriAnesthesia clinical nurses.
- Projects include incorporating health literacy best practices into after visit summaries, patient monitoring , and new to practice orientation resources.

Implications for Advancing Practice

- Collaboration with the Clinical Information Librarian can lead to an increased use of evidenced based resources in the periAnesthesia setting.
- By organizing resources by service line in a centralized library platform outside of the hospital intranet, PeriAnesthesia clinical staff have increased ease of access to resources for certification preparation and clinical practice.
- Offering shoulder to shoulder support in reviewing study materials build confidence in the clinical nurse.