Standardization of Nursing Electronic Documentation in the Perianesthesia Area

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Background Information:
- Develop system to audit and standardized nursing electronic documentation in perianesthesia areas after the conversion from paper to electronic documentation.
- Implementation of electronic documentation 2015 as well as a multi-unit merger within the perianesthesia area created a wide range of variability in nursing documentation. A program was developed to address and maintain ASPAN and The Joint Commission's documentation standards.

Objectives of Project:
- Ensure nursing electronic documentation standards across perianesthesia area.
- Develop audit tool for nursing documentation perianesthesia areas.
- Review/audit documentation and provide individual feedback to staff.
- Educate staff on electronic documentation standards.

Process of implementations:
- Institute chart audit committee.
- Translate paper documentation standards to electronic documentation
- Develop a comprehensive chart review tool for each phase of care within the perianesthesia area.
- Provide monthly updates to individuals and track the compliance percentage of each data element.
- Track areas that need improvement and communicate to staff.
- Provide weekly "Tuesday Charting Tips" communicating the standards of documentation and improvement strategies.
- Educated and provide ongoing education to staff by utilizing classes, handouts and one-on-one tutorials.
- As incentive for improvement every staff member with a 100% on their audit is entered in a monthly raffle.

Statement of success:
- Electronic documentation standards are clear, consistent and more easily adhered to since program implementation. Initial resistance from the staff has evolved into positive feedback. There are still areas that need improvement and with the large influx of new staff the work is still in progress.
- The committee has grown to accommodate the desire of staff to improve documentation and serve as a resource.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of Peri Anesthesia Nursing:
- Developing the standards of electronic charting.
- To promote consistent charting methods for all staff nurses.

- Give individual feedback about electronic charting for learning purposes.
- Standards of documentation allow for seamless extrapolation of information for all team members.