If at first you don’t succeed...collaborate, communicate and educate to improve inpatient readiness for surgery

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Background information:
- First case on time start initiative, identified a lack of inpatient readiness for surgery
- Inpatient readiness was not impacted post-education prepared by the perioperative educator and distributed by the inpatient educators
- A different approach to deliver this information was needed to facilitate practice change.

OBJECTIVES
1. Expand chart audit data to include more data specific to inpatient readiness
2. Utilize data to obtain permission to educate inpatient staff during skills week
3. Facilitate small group sessions between perioperative and inpatient nursing staff with a focus on collaboration, communication, and education
4. Collect post-intervention data to evaluate change

Statement of Successful Practice

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Implementation Plan
- Chart audit data supported need for intervention to improve in-patient readiness for surgery
- Facilitate small group discussions with floor nurses during skills week using poster, hands-on-computer training and pocket cards to guide and support learning
- Stress negative effects of delays and importance of communication between floor RN and pre-procedure staff during small group discussions
- Collect post intervention data

Advancing the Practice
- Practice change was not achieved using traditional power point education
- Small group session dialogue facilitated change
- Consider collaborative education in future endeavors

Pre-operative preparation
- Contact RN to verify surgery
- Obtain chart and verify information
- Complete chart audit
- Perform proper pre-operative preparation
- Complete post-operative preparation
- Follow-up with RN if necessary

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