Background Information

- In 2018, PeriAnesthesia nurses at Delnor Hospital embarked on a documentation quality improvement initiative.
- A team of nurses collaborated to promote consistency in standardized documentation to uphold the American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPN) guidelines by enhancing electronic documentation.
- A workgroup was developed with representation from Pre-op, Phase I, Phase II, Professional Development, and Perioperative Leadership with both surgical areas within Delnor.
  - The team established documentation guidelines based on ASPAN standards
  - Education was developed along with an audit tool to measure compliance

- Baseline data from the start of the project in 2018 identified documentation compliance was less than 62% for all areas.
  - To improve compliance a goal of 85% established
  - After three months of audits, all three areas exhibited significant improvement
  - With continued audits and peer coaching provided by the Documentation Committee compliance of 85% was achieved
  - After the COVID pandemic hit, sustainment of the goal decreased in compliance in PACU and Phase II

Objectives of Project

Goal: 85% Documentation Compliance

- Re-education of the team on the documentation guidelines
- 20 random audits completed monthly for each phase of care to identify compliance and expectation
- Peer coaching given to staff members when trends were identified

Process of Implementation

- Initial Project – a pre-learning audit was completed to determine baseline data and where education was needed.
- Phase II of the Project – the education was disseminated to the staff again in the three phases of care.
- Phase III of the Project – documentation guidelines and education were added to the orientation binder for new staff.

Statement of Successful Practice

- After nearly four year of developing and enhancing documentation in the EMR, the committee realized that accomplishing the goal is important but identified that sustainment is the most crucial aspect of the project.

Implications for Advancing the Practice of PeriAnesthesia Nursing:

- The documentation group will continue to:
  - Monitor documentation through audits
  - Provide additional education for compliance
  - Focus next on case-specific assessment and documentation
- Additional next steps:
  - Work with Health System Clinical Collaboratives (HSCC) for Periop to enhance EMR to simplify documentation

References

- American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses, 2017-2018