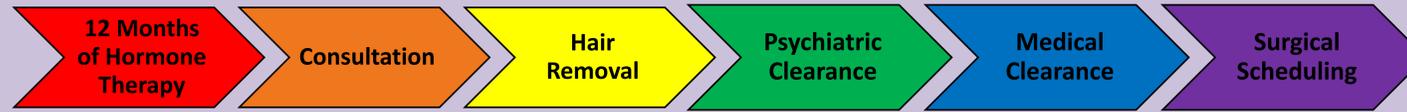


Caring for the Transgender Patient in the Perioperative Setting

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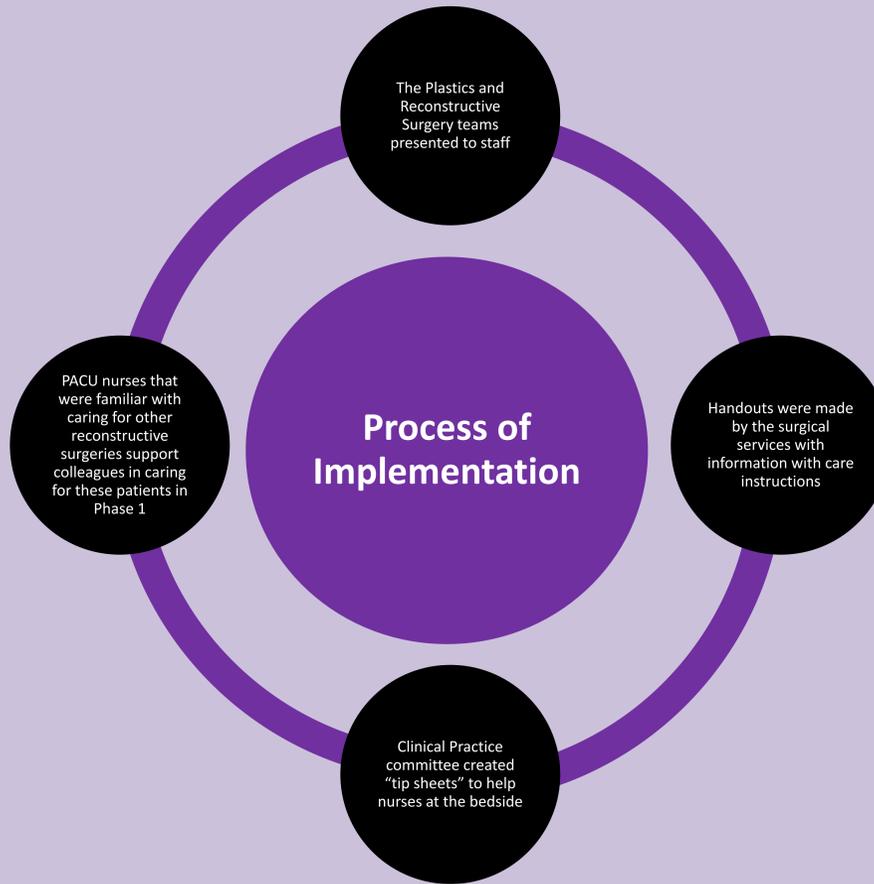
Background Information

- The division of Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery started performing transgender surgeries
- PACU nurses were unfamiliar with this patient population and wanted to continue to educate themselves and to further understand how to care for these patients
- A strong level of nursing expertise is necessary in the immediate post-op period to ensure high quality outcomes
- Presentations were done to help educate staff in the OR and were shared with our staff

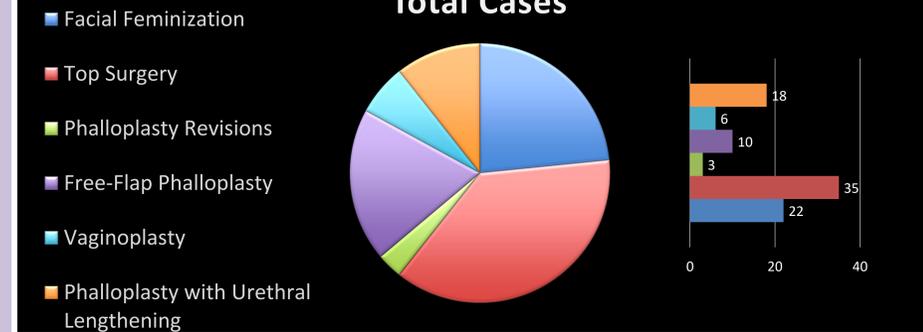
Objectives of Project

- To educate nurses on how best to care for the transgender patients pre and post-op
- To educate nurses in pre and post-op on emotional needs and specialized critical skills needed to care for these patients
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary team to provide consistent standard of care
- Identify learning needs among staff to safely care for this patient population

Process of Implementation



Total Cases



Statement of Successful Practice

- Patients are admitted to the PACU for 2-4 hours of specialized care
- Structured education process to orient nurses in caring for this specialized patient population
- Clinical Practice Committee to provide education as needed to improve process

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Implications for Advancing the Practice of Perianesthesia Nursing

- Patients are receiving consistent and safe care during all perioperative phases of care
- Nurses in the Perianesthesia area are working as a team with the surgical teams and leadership to ensure best patient outcomes