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.

Process of Implementation
- The Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery teams presented to staff.
- Handouts were made by the surgical services with information with care instructions.
- PACU nurses that were familiar with caring for other reconstructive surgeries and colleagues in caring for these patients in Phase 1.
- Clinical Practice committee created "tip sheets" to help nurses at the bedside.

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.

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.

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.

Total Cases
- Facial Feminization
- Top Surgery
- Phalloplasty Revisions
- Free-Flap Phalloplasty
- Vaginoplasty
- Phalloplasty with Urethral Lengthening

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