

**Advancing Peri-Anesthesia Practice:
Creation and Growth of a Specialty Nursing Conference**
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Introduction: Continuous development is essential to clinical excellence and advancing Perianesthesia nursing. As healthcare evolves, nurses must stay informed about EBP, perianesthesia guidelines, and patient care strategies.

Identification of the Problem: An opportunity existed to enhance professional development and collaboration among perianesthesia nurses. Recognizing the value of ongoing education and knowledge sharing, the creation of the local conference sought to provide a dedicated platform for nurses to exchange current and best practices and strengthen engagement within the specialty.

QI Question/Purpose of the Study: The purpose of this project was to create and implement a perianesthesia nursing conference that promoted continuing education, professional networking, and excellence in clinical practice.

Methods: A learning needs assessment was performed to create a perianesthesia conference. A planning committee comprised of NPD practitioners collaborated to develop EBP presentations, and interactive stations. The conference was marketed across the entire healthcare system, which comprises 12 different hospitals. The inaugural conference was held in April of 2024. Attendance was open to all perianesthesia nurses. The planning committee received approval by the ANCC to provide 6.5 contact hours.

Outcomes/Results: A post-conference survey was created. The survey consisted of 6 outcomes questions, 3 practice implication question, and space for open-ended comments. This was utilized to assess participants satisfaction, perceived knowledge gain, and suggestions for future conferences. Survey results revealed 98.7% reported the content was useful and added to their knowledge.

Discussion: The planning committee utilized the learning assessment. Based on the bedside nurses feedback, the planning committee formulated multiple topics of interest. This includes but not limited to: Anesthesia medications and potential complications, EHR documentation, fluid and blood management, MH, Self-Care, Gamification, High-fidelity simulation, and social networking game.

Conclusion: This in-person conference focused development of new professional relationships with colleagues across a large healthcare system. Self-reported feedback demonstrated that nurses appreciated the content, the delivery method, and found the content would positively impact their practice in the future.

Implications for perianesthesia nurses and future research: The creation of the Perianesthesia nursing conference demonstrated the value of proactive educational initiatives in promoting professional engagement and clinical excellence. Sustaining this conference for future years fosters a culture of professional development and support for a multitude of stakeholders within this unique service line.