Electronic OR Document Incorporates the PNDS for Safe Care

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**IDENTIFICATION:**

- Manual charting was inadequate for nursing communication, illegible, and near impossible to manually collect data for required audits.
- Very little baseline data existed.
- Manually collected data was too time consuming and unable to keep up with reports over time due to staffing shortages and limited knowledge of spreadsheet design and more importantly a staff FTE to simply enter data from manual perioperative nursing documentation.

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**PROCESS:**

After reviewing the literature, it was very apparent that the only solution would be an electronic charting modality – and the simple yet effective PDCA performance improvement process was utilized. (Plan – Do – Check – Act).

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2. Improve National Patient Safety Goal compliance for handoffs of surgical patients utilizing the automatic transfer of information throughout documentation of care.
3. Incorporate the most recent perioperative nursing standards using electronic documentation to provide guidance in the assessment of perioperative patient care.
4. Provide a leadership tool for immediate access to data driven process improvement initiatives.
SOLUTION:

- Our manual method of documenting the surgical care of our patients in the OR was replaced by an electronic record of documenting the entire surgical experience by the perioperative nurses.
- The entire evolution occurred after 6 months of research and literature review, and only took 5 days to entirely convert to electronic charting, with daily chart audits achieving 100% completion within the first week.
- Five modifications have been made over the past 10 months, with all input from the nursing staff being considered in the alterations to achieve a comprehensive, quality intraoperative document.
- The Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) nurse reviews the surgical details once the SBAR report is given by the OR nurse, for a more clinically astute snapshot of the admitting surgical patient.
- The intraoperative documentation continues in the Operative Suite, and incorporates all of the elements of the perioperative nursing note, the nursing care plan (PNDS), and the operation report (SF 518).
- Ongoing chart audits for completion are being conducted randomly, as well as targeted fields to meet Accreditation Standards (Counts, Universal Protocol, Antibiotic Administration for SSI, etc.).

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OUTCOMES:

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Additional results of the individual field audits are still being gathered and will be available in handouts with the poster display.
Electronic Perioperative Documentation—Using the Perioperative Nursing Data Set to Support Safe Surgical Patient Care

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PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ESSENTRIS NOTE

- 1999
- 9.08
- 11.08
- 3.09
- 5.09
- 10.09

DOJ approves Clinicomp
NCA tasked with NNMC OR
Built periop note
Requested additional reports for QIP/PI data

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