

Colleges of Nursing - Faculty Tool Kit

Perioperative Content Outline

Resource for non-perioperative nursing faculty to incorporate perioperative nursing into the nursing curriculum.

Lecture content outline for “Introduction to the Perioperative Setting”

- A. Identify and define perioperative nursing
 - a. Preoperative phase
 - b. Intraoperative phase
 - c. Postanesthesia care unit (PACU) phase
- B. Roles of people in the OR
 - a. RN circulator
 - b. Scrub person (RN or surgical technologist)
 - c. Anesthesia professional
 - d. Surgeon
 - e. First assistant
- C. Types of surgical procedures
 - a. Curative
 - b. Palliative
 - c. Cosmetic
 - d. Functional
- D. Types of anesthesia
 - a. Local
 - b. Regional
 - c. General
- E. Preoperative assessment
 - a. Nursing assessment
 - b. Risk factors
 - c. Psychosocial issues
- F. Consents
 - a. Anesthesia
 - b. Surgical
 - c. Blood products
- G. Surgical positioning
 - a. Supine
 - b. Prone
 - c. Lateral
 - d. Lithotomy
- H. Surgical skin prep
- I. Universal Protocol
 - a. Surgical time out
- J. Surgical counts



- a. Initial
- b. Closing
- c. Skin closure
- K. Nursing care plans
 - a. Perioperative Nursing Data Set (PNDS)
- L. Transfer to PACU
 - a. SBAR report to the PACU nurse
- M. Surgical complications
 - a. Malignant hyperthermia
 - b. Retained foreign object
 - c. Surgical infections