Integration of EBP to Cultivate an Interprofessional Experience Using Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Eliminate Retained Foreign Objects

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OBJECTIVES
1. Recognize the significance of standardization for patient safety
2. Discuss the importance of developing a multidisciplinary team approach to help improve processes
3. Evaluate the overall systemic process

BACKGROUND
- Process was in place, however, there was a continuation of retained foreign objects. In 2011, most recent retained foreign object was in the Labor and Delivery Department
- Administrative Case Review in regards to retained foreign objects
- Creation of the Performance Improvement Committee to incorporate the Perioperative Department and Labor and Delivery Department

RESULTS
- Elimination of occurrence reports
  - pertaining to retained foreign bodies/objects
- Sustainable practice change within the Perioperative Department and Labor and Delivery Department

METHODS
- Administrative Case Review of occurrence reports
  - Soft goods
  - Sharps
  - Instruments
- Assemble team
  - Perioperative
  - Labor and Delivery
  - Education Resource Center
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist

POLICY IMPLICATION
- To focus on prevention and careful management of patients
- Healthcare organizations will not be reimbursed for poor quality nursing care
- CMS guidelines
  - Occurrence of never events will result in mandatory reporting
  - Reports of said events and loss of reimbursement to the healthcare facility
  - Quality patient care must be delivered to all patients

TRANSLATION
- Development of new processes
- The new process shared with the Perioperative Department and Labor and Delivery Department
- Practice change instituted
- Implementation of technology

OUTCOMES
- Re-design of the surgical process
  - Including standardization of instrument setup
  - Revised count policy
  - Interdepartmental training of staff resulting in the elimination of retained surgical items
  - Empowerment of Staff

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