

2006 Practice Council Accomplishments

Aim: The purpose of the Practice Council is to establish practice standards for patient care, assure that evidence based principles are applied to clinical practice, and coordinate implementation through the health system. We invite your comments and suggestions for ways we can better serve you and your nursing practice at Sparrow.

1. Nursing Care for Blood Transfusion Policy and Adverse Reactions printed directly onto form attached to blood bag
2. Recommended changes to Admission Record combining Records I & II, in collaboration with Documentation Committee
3. Sedation Scales/PCA, approved changes to current policy
4. Critical Value Procedure- "Call to licensed caregiver"- Update Policy
5. Approved and made changes to Medication Reconciliation form in collaboration w/ Patient Safety Officer & Pharmacy (4th carbon to send to Pharmacy re: Allergies/Pending)
6. 24 hour nursing flow sheet updated with appropriate assessment parameters & pain scales
7. Changed MAR, in collaboration w/ Pharmacy
8. Insulin Pens converted to patient specific pens and recommendations made regarding times of Accuchecks in collaboration w/ Pharmacy
9. PCA/PCEA policy and monitoring parameters updated (2 RNs needed for dispensing and changing PCA/PCEA medications) to reflect current standard
10. Reviewed and recommended changes to Correct Site Universal Protocol policy
11. Consent and Valuables Release form evaluated in collaboration with Risk Management
12. Professional Practice Models reviewed Service Line recommendations and narrowed down selection for vote
13. Standardized process for Smoking Cessation counseling on Admission form (pre-checked box)
14. Reviewed the policy on two patient identifiers for all medications; recommendations made
15. Reviewing policy on Consent for Operation or Other Procedure Consent & Valuables Release Form in collaboration w/ Risk Management
16. Approved Depodur policy in conjunction with Anesthesia Services
17. Reviewed and corrected Nutrition Screen on Admission Record I in collaboration with Food and Nutrition Services
18. Reviewed Pressure Ulcer policy to reflect current practice and standards
19. Approved "Read-back" orders and recommended documentation changes



- Key Contacts -

CHAIR: (Through Sept. 06) Laura Gavril, RN, MSN - Med/Surg Float Pool • (From Oct. 06) Francene Rasmussen, RN - Mother/Baby Center
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NEW MEMBERS FOR 2007: Leah Cohen, RN, BSN - Nursing Education • Barb Morton, RN, BSN, CLNC - CC Float Pool
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