

Team Collaboration to Bring Patient Safety to “Perfect Storm” Events

OB STAT!

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Our story...



Six women suffered post partum hemorrhages between Friday and Sunday!

Most women received IV Pitocin pre and post delivery. Premixed IV Pitocin had just been received from a new supplier.

A variety of physicians were involved in the care of the women, including obstetricians, family practitioners, and anesthesiologists.

Several women experienced significant harm ...

Reported Patient Harm

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1 Code Blue
2 Went to ICU

2 Hysterectomies



**3 Mass
Transfusions**



Rapid Patient Safety Response in Suspected Event Clusters

RAPID EVENT RESPONSE

The AREA Process

Four Key Steps

The Rapid Event Response process involves four key steps. Specific actions are associated with each step. The ultimate goal of the AREA process is to ensure current and future patient safety.

ALERT

Create Situational Awareness

- Situational awareness
- Initial local leadership notification
- Quality variance report
- Identify key contact(s)

RESPOND

Ensure Patient Safety

- Staff debrief/interviews
- Document environment
- Sequester medications & equipment
- Validate events
- Implement safeguards
- Support caregivers

ESCALATE

Inform & Engage Key Stakeholders

- Broad leadership communication: Critical event SBAR
- Quality & Patient Safety partnership
- Subject matter experts
- Literature/Standards review

ANALYZE

Conduct CCA & Develop Action Plans

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AFTER CORE FACTS CONFIRMED

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FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

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A ALERT

Immediate Actions To Create Situational Awareness



Initial notification

File Quality Variance Report



OB Team Huddle

Identify Point of Contact

ALERT

Immediate Actions To *Create Situational Awareness*



RESPOND

Immediate Measures To Ensure Patient Safety

Provider and Staff Debrief & Interviews

Sweep Environment & Examine Equipment

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SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER

POST-INCIDENT TEAM DEBRIEFING

Clinical Job Aid

Approved: February 2016	Next Review: February 2019
Clinical Area: All clinical areas	
Population Covered: All patient populations	
Campus: Ballard, Cherry Hill, Edmonds, First Hill, Issaquah, Mill Creek, Redmond	Implementation Date: February 2016

Related Procedures, Protocols, and Job Aids:
Code Blue: Adult



RESPOND

Immediate Measures To *Ensure Patient Safety*

Validate
All
Reported
Events!

Support Caregivers



Obtain or
Sequester
Meds &
Equipment



RESPOND

Immediate Measures To *Ensure Patient Safety*

Implement Safeguards

Change Environment &
Equipment if Indicated



Establish Caregiver
Communication
& Escalation Process

RESPOND

Immediate Measures To *Ensure Patient Safety*

Implement Safeguards

Patient History & Labor Management Plan



Pitocin Process Change

RESPOND

Immediate Measures To *Ensure Patient Safety*



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Communication To Inform & Engage Key Stakeholders

Broad Leadership Communication

Initiate Critical Incident SBAR After Core Facts Confirmed

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Communication To *Inform &*

S:	EVENT DESCRIPTION:	<i>Please put fact based, short synopses. Full description should be documented in eQVR/event report.</i> Multiple OB patients, delivered between Friday and Sunday, reportedly had post-partum hemorrhages. Patient harm included ...
		<i>Briefly explain what occurred and if the patient suffered any harm</i>
B:	PATIENT NAME:	Multiple OB patients
	MRN:	X8875047, X3997834, X90024543
	EVENT DATE:	00/00/0000
	CAMPUS:	St. Elsewhere Hospital
A:	eQVR #:	EV9875X3
	DISCLOSURE:	No
	<i>State if disclosure was given to patient and by who OR if it was not given</i>	
DEBRIEF:	Manager held staff huddle. OB Medical Director sent communication to physicians.	
	<i>State if debrief did or did NOT occur.</i>	
R:	PLAN FOR REVIEW / FOLLOW-UP:	Initial review into all possible cases in progress this morning (Monday AM) by manager and Quality department.

In Partnership with Quality & Patient Safety Explore...

**Equipment Failure
or Absence**

**Med
Variances**

**Communication
Gaps**

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Communication To *Inform & Engage Key Stakeholders*

Equipment Failure
or Absence

Communication
Gaps

Practice Variances

Variances

Med

Staffing & Competency

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Subject Matter Experts

Equipment Failure
or Absence

Literature & Standards Review

Staffing & Competency

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ANALYZE

Conduct CCA & Develop Action Plans

**Managing a cluster
response**

Timeline validated

Event similarities

Provider & staff observations

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Pitocin & medication

findings

Practice variation noted

Literature & Standards review

Staff competency

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CCA Findings: No Common Cause(s) Identified

~ Reduce provider labor & delivery practice variation

~ Modify blood administration processes: orders & blood release

~ Obtain rapid transfuser for OB Unit, validate caregiver competency

~ Monitor for consistent use of pre-labor screening checklist & iSTAT

~ Validate caregiver competency in PPH early warning signs & mgmt.

~ Re-educate on WSHA Safe Delivery Roadmap Tools and MEWS

OB Leadership continues to actively participate in AWHONN & the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative.



Actions from Identified Opportunities for Improvement

Cluster Event Core Patient Safety Concepts



PPH Cluster Key Learnings

Ensuring Patient Safety is job one! Use PS principles & proceed with intentional urgency.

Establish Point of Contact immediately, use defined methods of communication.

Pause to ensure information is factual. Validate all potential events.

Define roles & responsibilities of investigation support personnel.

Communicate with leadership & frontline caregivers.

Coordinate with Quality and/or Patient Safety Department.



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