

Improving Perioperative Nursing Practices in Hong Kong: An Innovative Project

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Objective

- To provide Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HA) visiting scholars an understanding of advancements in perioperative nursing in the U.S.
- To include observation of how advances are being implemented in the hospital setting.





Background

- As healthcare spending continues to soar, innovation is much needed
- Healthcare is becoming increasingly specialized
- Aggressive international collaboration is becoming a necessity
- Health care leaders from different countries looking to U.S. for the latest innovations in models of care, new products, and new approaches to improve overall health outcomes





Methodology





Project highlighted best practices in the perioperative areas at UCSD Health System:

- Pre-operative (pre op) education and assessment by Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Multi-Team Approach Briefing (Pre Op) especially for transplant patients
- Operating Room (OR) briefing and team approach operation preparation (Intra op)
- Patient Family Centered Care in the pre op and in Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU)
- Nurse-led discharge process in the PACU





Results

This educational experience resulted in:

- Recommendations presented to the Specialty Advisory Group (Perioperative Care)
- Recommendations to the Nurse Service Division of Hospital Authority (HA)
- Recommendations to strengthen and improve perioperative services to patients from various Hong Kong communities



Conclusions

- Wide list of benefits achieved through international program and collaboration.
- Innovative project helped not only highlight current best practices in the perioperative departments throughout the UCSD Health System
- Helped raise standards of patient care practices in other countries like Hong Kong.

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