Ambulatory Care Nursing: Strategies for Success

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Learning Objectives

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Who We Are

Mission:
Delivering leading edge patient care, education and research
Vision:
Healing humankind, one patient at a time, by improving health, alleviating suffering and delivering acts of kindness.
Values:
Compassion, Respect, Excellence, Discovery, Integrity, Teamwork

UCLA Health

Physician Practices and Clinics
Provide primary and specialty care in 150 offices across Greater Los Angeles, including:

- Alhambra
- Arcadia
- Brentwood
- Century City
- Fountain Valley
- Inglewood
- Manhattan Beach
- Marina Del Rey
- Northridge
- Pacific Palisades
- Pasadena
- Porter Ranch
- Redondo Beach
- Santa Clarita (Valencia)
- Santa Monica
- Simi Valley
- Thousand Oaks
- Torrance
- Westlake Village
- West Los Angeles
- Westwood
UCLA Health

Hospitals:
- Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center & Mattel Children’s Hospital UCLA
  - Magnet recognized since 2005
  - Licensed ambulatory clinics included in 2015 re-designation
- Stewart and Lynda Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA
- UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica
  - Submitted Magnet document August 3, 2015

Awards & Recognitions
- America’s Best Doctors
- UCLA Medical Group awarded Gold Level Achievement for clinical quality by the California Department of Managed Health Care
- Certified Stroke Center
- STEMI Heart Attack Receiving Center designation
- Level 1 Trauma Center
- Level 4 NICU

U.S. News & World Report ranks Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center one of the top five American hospitals — and the best hospital in the western United States for the 26th consecutive year.
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Background

CNE Vision for Population Health & Ambulatory Nursing
- April 2013: Quanna Batiste, MSN, HCSM, RN, joined UCLA as the Director of Nursing, Ambulatory Care
- SWOT analysis revealed variation in standards
  - Opportunity to strengthen ambulatory infrastructures
  - Opportunity to improve care processes
- Need to make case for human resources
- Partnership between MPD and ambulatory nurse leaders developed
  - Magnet as a framework to elevate standards and practice
  - MPD joined ambulatory councils

Transformational Leadership - Ambulatory

- Alignment of vision/mission/values
- Alignment with organizational strategic plan
- Ambulatory director promotion to CNO, Ambulatory Services
- Ambulatory CNO organizational structures
- Creation of ambulatory strategic plan
- CNO advocating for resources

Magnet Alignment:
- TL1EO – Nursing Strategic Plan
- TL4 – CNO Involvement in Org. Decision-Making
- TL7 – Data-Driven Resourcing
- TL9EO – Nurse Leaders Influence Change
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Strategic Plan for Ambulatory

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Ambulatory Practice Council

- Participated in the scope of practice review process
- Analyzed predictors of patient transfer from ambulatory clinics to higher level of care
- Developed UCLA Health Ambulatory Standards of Care
- Organized Medical Assistants Day annual celebration
- Ambulatory certification review course

Ambulatory Quality Rounds

- Evaluate outcomes
- Evaluate adherence to quality standards
- Ensure consistent, highly reliable practices
- Data to contribute to ambulatory dashboard
- Recognize Magnet outcomes
- Policy references

Ambulatory Clinical Orientation

- Started in August 2014
- Includes an overview of practice standards and policies as well as half day of hands-on skills training in the simulation lab
- As of July 2015, over 250 attendees (RN, LVN, MA)
- Highly rated by attendees, popular among clinical staff
Policy Development

- Previously, UCLA Health policies were developed primarily for inpatient practices
- Creation of a new committee to work exclusively on ambulatory-focused policies

New Roles In Ambulatory

- Ambulatory nurse leader roles
  - Associate Director
  - Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Creation of Ambulatory Practice Coordinator Role
  - Clinical support for 300 ambulatory clinical staff
  - Rounding, monitoring with increased visibility in the practices
  - 1 Practice Coordinator to ~10 clinic practice ratio
  - Enhanced support for non-clinical managers on practice issues
  - Real-time follow up on practice related issues
  - Promotion of professional practice in ambulatory care
  - Orientation facilitation and competency validation
  - Clinical staff training and remediation

Ambulatory Care Nursing New Hire Orientation

- Number of Staff That Attended Orientation
  - 2014: 104 employees
  - 2015: 49 employees (as of June 2015)
Empirical Outcomes Measurement Tools

Ambulatory Outcomes

Empirical Outcome Example
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Zero wrong patient surgeries

Empirical Outcome Example

Looking Ahead
The Future

References

• Sections 2859, 2860.5, 2860.7, 2878.5, Business and Professions Code; and Section 11215, Health and Safety Code. History: 1. New section filed 9-19-96; operative 10-19-96 (Register 96, No: 38).

Thank you!

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