

Breaking the Barriers With the Perioperative Round Table (Poster)

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Perioperative Services

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PURPOSE:

The committee was structured to address issues that would facilitate a better working environment within the perioperative areas. The council strives for a safe open forum to improve communication between all of the perioperative services by establishing and fostering open lines of communication among members and leadership.

GOALS:

- Members seek feed back about current issues from respective team members and present those issues at the bimonthly meeting.
- Address findings and issues from other committees and work towards resolving them.
- Improve communication between all of perioperative services by establishing and fostering open lines of communication among members and leadership.
- Review and discuss current conditions and evaluate effectiveness.
- Committee members are responsible for finding creative solutions for issues presented; to help implement those solutions approved by the perioperative management, to help monitor and evaluate those solutions.



METHODOLOGY:

- The perioperative roundtable started as an operating room committee, led by management and has developed into a partnership between the perioperative areas, being co-facilitated by staff and management.
- Member representation includes staff from within: management and non-management, Surgical Staging, Operating Room, Anesthesia, Sterile Processing, and Post Anesthesia Care Units.
- Bimonthly meetings to encourage communication throughout the perioperative continuum and work towards common goals.
- Committee members are responsible for role modeling, teamwork, and empowering others to engage.



OUTCOMES:

- Charter was revised and structure remolded to encompass the entire periop continuum.
- Facilitated team work throughout perioperative continuum.
- Improved communication, knowledge and understanding of the perioperative continuum as a whole.

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