

IMPROVING THE ROLE OF NURSES IN THE INTERDISCIPLINARY ROUNDS IN PICU – HAMAD GENERAL HOSPITAL

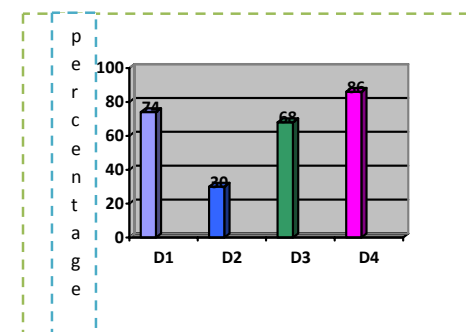
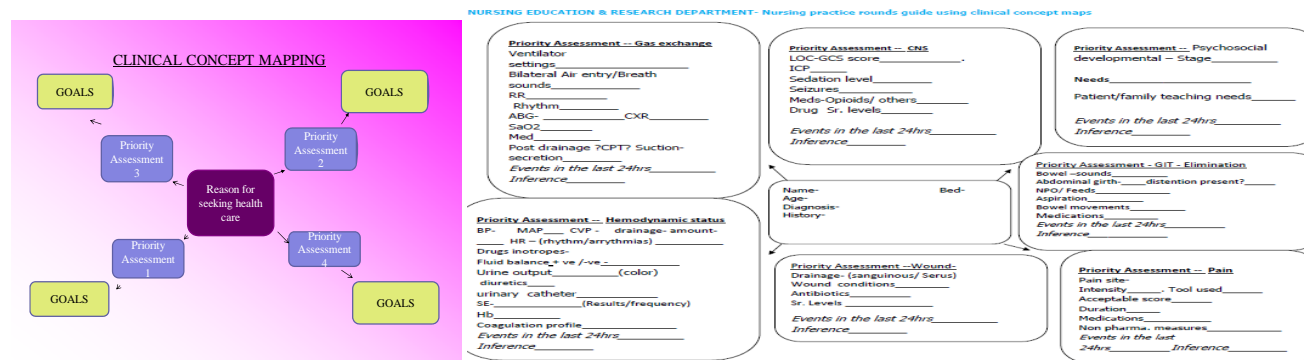
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PROBLEM Critical care nurses in the PICU provide competent care for patients evidenced by positive patient outcomes. Nursing staff are routinely making rounds with the physicians. However, during the rounds nurses did not actively contribute to the discussion, evaluation and planning care for their assigned patients. To facilitate nurses to bring their expert knowledge of the patient to clinical decision making, nursing practice rounds were initiated in PICU, however, it was recognized that a structured approach to presenting their patients based on priority assessment was needed.

AIM To increase the active participation of nurses in the interdisciplinary rounds and thus improve the quality of care for PICU patients through interdisciplinary coordination and collaboration.

INTERVENTION and TOOLS

- Education on use of clinical concept mapping in practice was delivered.
- Provided mentoring in real practice by the educator, preceptors and Charge nurses
- Out comes were measured by the ability of the nurses in comprehensively presenting their patients in the PICU interdisciplinary rounds.



D 1- % of Nurses who received education. N=94
D 2- % of Nurses participating in rounds pre education
D 3- % of Nurses participating in rounds post education
D 4- % of Nurses expressed confidence post education N = 78

RESULTS

- It was observed over a period of 4 months that the nurses who were introduced to clinical concept mapping were able to view and present a complete information about their patients rather than fragmented information.
- Improved confidence of nurses.

NEXT STEPS : To continue to improve the patient outcomes through interdisciplinary collaboration and continuity of care.