

Lakeview School of Nursing
N405 Leadership and Management
Weekly Clinical Journal

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Week 2

Journal of Observations for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center's Circulating Nurse in operating room 1. The circulating nurse was in charge of ensuring the surgical procedures went smoothly. The circulating nurse prepared the operating room before the surgery took place by making sure the table was set up correctly for the specific surgical procedure. The nurse also ensured all the tools the specific surgeon preferred were where he wanted them and had extra supplies if needed. The nurse counted the surgical supplies with the surgical technician before and after the procedure to ensure none were missing for the client's safety.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed?

I observed a circulating nurse take charge when there was a sudden cancellation of surgery, and she went ahead and prepared for possible future surgeries. The circulating nurse took command and looked at the possible surgery that was in the emergency department and told the staff members in OR1 to prepare the room for the potential surgery. The circulating nurse preparing for that possible ED surgery also prepared the room for another surgery in case the surgeon took too long in another OR – making the nurse ready for any situation. While preparing for the possible change in surgeries, the nurse also moved the necessary staff members from one OR room to another if another add-on surgery took place. The circulating nurse was very prepared, which was crucial in ensuring the surgeries stayed on schedule with the correct staff members.

Week 3 Date__9/10/20_____

Journal of Observations for Sarah Bush Pre-Op Nurse. The pre-op nurse was in charge of ensuring the client had her pre-op medications, had IV access, and prepared for the surgical procedure. The nurse ensured the clients had the required IV fluids before surgery along with the medications, and the medications depended on the procedure and

provider preference. The IV location depended on what surgical procedure the client was having done and their positioning during the procedure. The pre-op nurse also made sure when the last time the client ate, drank, and medications. The nurse also had to verify the client's medications from home to provide accurate data. Some questions the nurse asked the client questions were about their past medical history, what procedure they were having that specific day, any metal they may have in their body if a support person was present, and several others.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed?

There was an unexpected change in surgeries that required a client that just arrived to be ready for surgery in 15-20 minutes. The pre-op nurse was in the middle of finishing charting and giving the required IV fluids and medications to a client that had been back there first when she got told her new client needed ready to go as soon as possible. The nurse had to manage her time and make adjustments to get IV access to the new client and give the pre-op medications. The change in schedule made the environment very fast-paced in order to get the needed information and tasks completed, so the surgeon did not have to wait. The pre-op and circulating nurses were in the room with the client at the same time in order to complete the needed tasks promptly. The nurse delegated a task for her previous client to another nurse. The pre-op nurse delegated the task of the other client because there had not been any charting done on the new client, and the completion of charting is necessary before the surgery takes place. The nurse completed her tasks, but the surgeon had not marked the surgical site yet, so the pre-op nurse took it upon herself to call the surgeon and inform him the client was ready for marking because the circulating nurse was ready to take the client back to the OR. The pre-op nurse was very flexible and adjusted well to the sudden changes to prevent a delay in the surgery schedule.

Week 4 Date 9/17/20

Journal of Observations for Sarah Bush PACU nurse. The PACU phase I nurse received the patient right out of surgery, ensures their safety, airway, breathing, and circulation. After the nurse has verified that the patient has a patent airway, can breathe, and good circulation, they will perform a focused assessment. Controlling the patient's pain is a

task for the PACU nurse, and once the patient has not experienced any complications, they are sent to phase II. The PACU nurse needs to record vitals every 5 minutes, and a focused assessment every 15 minutes. It is essential to remain at the bedside at all times because a post-surgical complication could pop up unexpectedly. The PACU nurse ensures the patient wakes up from surgery and does not experience any nausea as well, and ensure the patient is warm at all times, as many patients come from surgery shivering.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed?

During the PACU rotation, I noticed a PACU nurse take leadership when a patient came back from surgery with a neo drip to raise their blood pressure, but while raising the blood pressure, the heart rate would lower. It was important for the nurse to feel comfortable and confident when caring for the patient because the neo drip needed titrating to maintain the desired therapeutic effects. The nurse that had received the patient had never dealt with a neo drip, so a fellow nurse stepped in and told the primary nurse they have dealt with a neo drip and would help her. The nurse that stepped in to help demonstrated leadership and management skills because he leads the primary on how to titrate the neo drip, but also had his patient that he requested to go into the next bay. The nurse took his patient to the next bay so that he could do the work needed for his patient, but also be right there to help his colleague. The PACU nurse-managed his patient and the neo drip successfully and demonstrated leadership in explaining all the steps needed to his colleague unfamiliar with a neo drip. The PACU nurse was not an appointed leader or in management, but he arose into that role to help his team members and patients and maintain the patients' safeties. Team members such as this PACU nurse are needed in the nursing field to demonstrate the qualities and characteristics all nurses should carry to help the patients and co-workers. Only one person does not run the nursing field, neither in the hospital, it takes a village to function correctly, and this PACU nurse demonstrated precisely why.

Week 5 Date 9/24/20

Journal of Observations SBL Pre-Op Nurse. The pre-op nurse had to prepare for the clients by looking through their charts to ensure all the paperwork was correct. The pre-

op nurse also had to initiate IV fluids, give pre-op medications, vitals, and paperwork, such as informed consent. The pre-op nurse also asked many questions about the client's past medical history and advocated for one client when the client had difficulty swallowing, and anesthesia did not know about it. The pre-op nurse today also had to conduct an EKG for one client due to a prior abnormal EKG.

What Leadership and Management skills were observed?

The pre-op nurse-managed her time wisely, and there was one client that unexpectedly took more time, which leads to the nurse juggling multiple tasks at one time for two clients. The nurse asked for help from her colleagues when she had two clients to prepare for surgery. The nurse did proper delegation tasks in order to provide client safety and quality care. Due to unexpectedly taking longer than anticipated in one room, the nurse was then behind on the next client, whose surgery time was within 30 minutes, with no pre-op work started. The nurse took charge of what needed doing to ensure the client went to surgery at the scheduled time to avoid any delays in everyone's schedule. The nurse also helps the nursing student with nursing skills to help perfect techniques that work best for the student nurse. The nurse took leadership by demonstrating successful nursing tips to help the student nurse become a more well-rounded nurse.

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