The Circulating Nurse’s Role in Decreasing Fear to Patient and Designated Family Member Prior to a Surgery Under Anesthesia

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The goal of this evaluation research study is to assess the perceptions of patients’ and caregivers’ fear of having surgery under general anesthesia pre/post the implementation of an evidence-based emotional support checklist.

Methods

- Researcher-developed questionnaires pre and post interview will include 75 patient and their 75 designated family members’ demographic personal information about decreasing fear of having surgery after implementing an evidence-based emotional support checklist.

- This evaluation research study is using a quasi-experimental pre/post single group design enabling information about perceptions of fear by the patient and his/her caregiver to be collected using a researcher-developed questionnaire (Figures 2 & 3).

- Patients’ and their designated family members’ responses will be compared with a score (1-10) on the pre and post questionnaire that will be given related to an evidence-based emotional support checklist used by the circulating nurses.

Results

Pending data collection with an expected completion by July, 2017.

Implications for Practice

- Results of this study could be used show how nurses significantly and positively influence preoperatively in the well-being of patients and designed family members.

- By using the checklist the circulating nurses should have adequate knowledge, skills and a positive attitude to be able to help patients and family members to move forward on the journey through surgery.

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