Developing a Resuscitation Policy Using Orlando’s Deliberate Nursing Process
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Project Purpose

• To lead a committee with the purpose of developing a sustainable policy using an evidence-based approach to cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the acute care setting.

Problem

• Below national average for mortality and safety of care
• Opportunities for improvement:
  ✓ lack of evidence-based practices to support the hospital’s current practices
  ✓ no pre-established defined roles to limit confusion and delay of care
  ✓ lack of ongoing education related to emergent situations

Methodology

• Guided by the Deliberate Nursing Process model.
• Intervention was policy development to define code team roles and increase advanced life support education.

Results

Practice Implications

• A response team that uses interdisciplinary communication eliminates chaos.
• Initiation of a response team increases compliance of ACLS guidelines and understanding of roles.
• Nurses’ knowledge reflects the ability to respond effectively.
• Clarification of roles and responsibilities reduces nonproductive noise and confusion.