Enhancing Patient Safety Through Reduction of Restraints in the ICU Kelly Betsinger, DNP, RN

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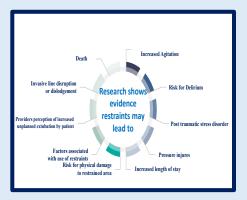
Project Purpose

Evaluate research to identify best clinical practices to reduce restraint use in the ICU with corresponding implementation of an evidence-based restraint management bundle (RMB).

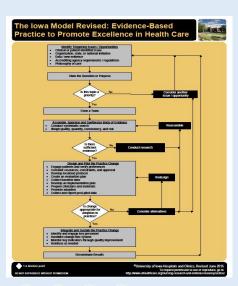
Objectives

- Evaluate the use of restraints in the ICU & associated adverse sequela.
- Hold key stakeholder interviews with administration, physician, & nursing staff.
- Educate caregivers & staff on restraint alternatives.
- Implement and evaluate alternative protocol to restraints for management of ICU patients.

Problem/Background



Theoretical Framework: The Iowa Model



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Methodology

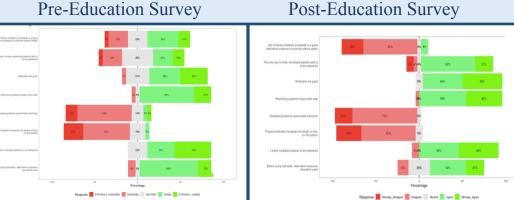
- Review of Literature
- Create a Task Force
- Education & training of staff
- Pre & Post Nursing Survey
- Educational brochures for family
- Daily Notebook of Assessment to include RMB
- IRB approval not required by Baptist Medical Center & Samford University due to this being a quality improvement project.

Restraint Management Bundle

- Comprehensive approach to restraint use and reduction in the ICU
- Education of patient care team
- Alternative management options patients without restraints
- Proper documentation and assessment of care

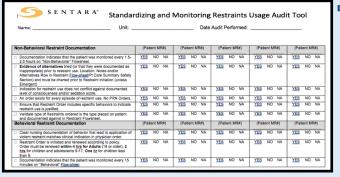
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Pre-Education Survey



Results

Sentara Restraint Usage Audit Tool



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Barriers to Implementation

- RN's & MD's concern about litigation.
- Complexity of patients
- Reluctance to change
- Increased workload
- Data collection delay due to organizational operational issues

Audit tool was not effective due to 4 of the 6 categories contained no documentation

Implications for Practice Physicians & Nurses will be able to

- Enhance knowledge with evidence-based practice utilizing alternative measures to decrease use of restraints
- Early identification of when to remove restraints
- Proactive intervention to reduce the use of restraints
- Awareness of risks for patients to be in restraints

References available upon request