

Session Q02
The New Jersey Bermuda
Perianesthesia Nursing
Collaborative

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- **Objectives**

- Discuss the development of the New Jersey Bermuda Perianesthesia Nursing Collaborative
- Describe ongoing activities as well as challenges and successes of the collaborative

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Who is NJBPANA?

- **New Jersey Bermuda Perianesthesia Nursing Association** (NJBPANA is a professional specialty nursing collaboration between perianesthesia nurses in the state of New Jersey, USA and the country of Bermuda
- **Perianesthesia Nurses** are nurses who work in pre-anesthesia areas, postanesthesia (PACU), same day surgery units, free standing surgical centers, and any location where we care for patients before and after anesthesia

ASPAN

- American Society of Perianesthesia Nurses (ASPAN) is the national specialty nursing organization for perianesthesia nurses in the United States
- Active membership in ASPAN
 - Requires membership in the national organization as well a state organization (state component)

Bermuda Perianesthesia Nurses

- Wanted to be “Active Members” in the national organization ASPAN
- There is only 1 hospital in Bermuda
 - King Edward VII Memorial Hospital
- The perianesthesia nurses did not want to develop their own “state organization” because of the limited number of nurses and resources



Initiation of the Collaborative

- Bermuda RN – Diana Lovell emailed the President of several US east coast state perianesthesia associations to discuss a possible collaborative
- NJPANA
 - New Jersey was the only organization to respond
 - Linda Wilson responded to the email and they planned to meet at the next ASPAN national conference
- The initiation of the collaborative was discussed
- The NJBPANA board of directors discussed the partnership and agreed to the collaborative

Formalization of the Collaborative

- The New Jersey Perianesthesia Nurses Association changed their name
 - New Jersey / Bermuda Perianesthesia Nurses Association
- The association changed their logo from just a picture of the state of New Jersey to a logo of the state of New Jersey with the Bermuda Longtail (Bird of Bermuda)



Outcome of the Collaborative

- Now the Bermuda nurses were able to be “Active Members” in ASPAN by joining the national association and the New Jersey state association
- This “Active Members” provides the Bermuda nurses more benefits and opportunities in the organization

Ongoing Management of the Collaborative

- Communication
 - Primary method is email
- Continuing education
 - 2 conferences are offered in New Jersey (NJ) every year
 - One conference in northern NJ
 - One conference in southern NJ
 - 1 conference in Bermuda every other year
 - Usually scheduled in February
- Website to share information

Challenges

- Cost of travel
- Cost of conferences
- Communication by mail
- Board of Directors participation and representation

Successes

- Collaboration has continued
- Dedicated perianesthesia nurses
- Able to plan conferences in Bermuda easily through email communication
- Mail is no longer an issue
 - Increased use of technology
 - Ease of use with email
 - Many items can be emailed as PDFs
- Easy virtual meetings can be done through different software
 - Zoom, Adobe Connect, and others

Questions?

Thank you!

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