Improving Patient Safety & Patient Outcomes by Implementing ENHANCED ANESTHESIA RECOVERY PROGRAM (EARP)

The program was implemented to improve anesthesia related patient outcomes by reducing stress of surgery on the patient, increasing patient safety through preparedness for surgery, and accelerating the recovery process. Evidence based interventions were carried out to improve operative care of the patient from before the surgery began to the recovery period. The result was a new emphasis on anesthesia care, and a series of approaches to improve the use of anesthesia on patients. This clinician-led program was shown to have led to improved patient outcomes and a reduction in the cost of care for the hospital. There was also a reduction in the median length of stay post-anesthesia by 8 minutes and a substantial cost reduction of anesthesics for patients.

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