TITLE: PRE-OPERATIVE CHART VERIFICATION

PURPOSE: To outline nursing steps for checking patient charts pre-operatively.

SKILL LEVEL: R.N.

SUPPORTIVE DATA:
Patients coming to the Operating Room must be properly identified with attached hospital identification band listing the patient name, birth date, and Medical Record Number. Operative consent must be present in the chart prior to being moved to procedural area. A current history and physical report must be documented in EPIC prior to the patient moving to the procedural area. Early detection of any problems minimizes delays.

EQUIPMENT:
- Patient Chart
- Peri-operative Record

CONTENT:

1. Check patient's name, birth date, and Medical Record Number on the patient’s identification band(s) (see OR Policy for “Verification of Patient Identity”) against patient label and chart contents.

2. If present, check patient’s name and Medical Record Number on the Typenex band against patient label and chart contents.

3. Verify that correct UVA hospital identification bands are present on the patient or follow Medical Center Policy 0201 “Patient Identification” to have patient identified and identification band placed on patient before proceeding to O.R. room

4. All patients are to be identified verbally unless unable, i.e.: intubated, infant, unconscious, etc. Verbal identification must match patient hospital identification band(s) and patient records.

5. Assure that a valid surgical consent is present (see policy and procedure for "Consent for Surgery") and that patients understanding of the surgery to be performed matches what is on the consent.

6. Ascertain the presence and status of the transfusion consent as needed.

7. Epic chart review to include, but not limited to:
   a. Documentation regarding patients allergies
   b. Recent anticoagulation therapy, blood typing and transfusion availability, and other hemodynamic concerns.
c. Pertinent medical or past surgical histories including implantation of radioactive seeds or implanted devices by reviewing history and physical and diagnostic lab study results.

d. Patient education plan status.

e. Pertinent information which would be important to consider for nursing interventions such as teaching and positioning or that may have an impact on the anesthetic or surgical procedures.

8. Refer concerns to the appropriate physician.

9. When chart verification is done and concerns are addressed, click “OR Ready” under events tab in EPIC Optime.

DOCUMENTATION:
- By clicking “OR Ready”, the circulator has verified the above steps have been completed.

REFERENCE:
- 2019 AORN Standards and Recommended Practices
- OR Policy “Verification of Patient Identity”
- OR Procedure “Consent for Surgery”
- MC Policy #0201 “Patient Identification”
- MC Policy #0250 “Universal Protocol for Preoperative/Pre-procedure Verification”

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