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We understand that it takes an ongoing effort to provide high quality of care, patient safety and efficient clinical practice. We have implemented training courses (Casedrening) to detect children with the highest risk for cardio-respiratory failure.

Aim

To assess whether nutrition needs of very preterm infants are met with the current evidence based nutritional policy.

Methods

A retrospective study was undertaken for 6 months at a neonatal unit of North Tees Hospital, UK. The daily intake of protein, calorie and fluid was calculated in the group of babies born <32 weeks gestation. Unit guidelines recommend commencing TPN in <24 hrs and early feeding. Babies who died before 14 days and those who were transferred to another unit within the same time period were excluded from the study.

Results

Complete data was obtained from 20 consecutive babies over 6 month period. Median gestation was 29 weeks (range 27+5 to 31+6 weeks), birth weight 1300g (840 to 1890g).

Although babies had weight loss <10% of their birth weight, nutritional intake varied significantly. The total intake was adequate but could achieve an average of 55 kcal/kg/day at by day 5 and not the recommended 90 Kcal/kg/day.

Abstract 1880 Table 1 Nutritional requirements in preterm infants

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Conclusion

Feeding policies are sub-optimal despite best efforts. The impact of this change should be assessed on long term outcomes.

1881 SYSTEMATIC METHOD TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN

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Background

Akershus University Hospital is the largest acute care hospital in Norway. It employs 6,200 people to serve 460,000 inhabitants, of which 115,000 are children. Currently, our Department is experiencing an increased admission of critically ill children, which let physicians and nurses feel overwhelmed and insecure. Our project aimed to improve knowledge, communication and documentation to meet today’s standards for quality of care.

Methods

Based on the Acute-Life-Threatening-Events-Recognition-Treatment (ALERT™) courses, the Airway-Breathing-Circulation-Disability-Exposure (ABCDE) algorithm, and the Identify-Situation-Background-Assessment-Recommendation (ISBAR) tool, we have developed an interactive platform for physician and nurses to improve clinical communication and to standardize assessment for intensive care patients. Furthermore, we have introduced the Brighton Paediatric Early Warning Score (PEWS) to detect children with the highest risk for cardio-respiratory failure.

Results

Our healthcare providers have benefited from this program. For example, they gained useful skills to create efficient work flows and improve team communication. For half an hour every other week, we play a scenario where 2 physicians and 2 nurses practice the ABCDE algorithm, ISBAR tool and the PEWS in a simulated patient. We have implemented training courses (Casedreening) to help them use the various assessment tools. Our main focus is to provide high quality of care, patient safety and efficient clinical operations. However, we understand that it takes an ongoing effort to introduce a systematic method in practice.

Conclusion

We have introduced a program for physicians and nurses to increase clinical competence and patient care with a high potential for further development.

1882 THE EFFECT OF OPEN AND CLOSED ENDOTRACHEAL SUCTION SYSTEMS IN INTUBATED NEONATES IN 2012

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Background

The study aimed to review the effect of two open and close suctioning methods on respiratory parameters of infants undergoing mechanical ventilation.

Methods

In this cross-sectional clinical trial study, forty-four infants among the infants underwent mechanical ventilation in NICU of Isfahan’s Al-Zahra Hospital were selected by simple continuous sampling method. The samples randomly divided into two groups. In the first group, first, open suctioning and then after three hours of closing, closed suctioning was done and in the second group, first closed suctioning and after three hours of closing, open suctioning was implemented and respiratory rate (RR) and percentage of arterial blood oxygen saturation was reviewed and compared before, during and after each type of suctioning. Data were analyzed using ANOVA with repeated measures and independent t-test through Software SPSS16.

Results

There was a significant difference between mean respiratory rate and arterial blood oxygen saturation in infants before, during and after the closed and open suctioning. The percentage of arterial blood oxygen saturation had a significant reduction in open method compared to closed method on the same time and immediately after suctioning and RR in 3 minutes after suctioning in both steps in open method.

Conclusion

Results showed that close method causes fewer changes in hemodynamic status of infants. Therefore, in order to prevent from respiratory complications in infants, nurses are recommended to perform the endotracheal tube suctioning in closed method.

Keywords

Respiratory rate; ventilation, neonate, suction

1883 THE RISK FIELDS OF MALPRACTICE AND STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING THE RISK OF MALPRACTICE IN NEONATAL NURSING

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Background

Care of newborn can be complex according to adult. Effective preparation, family-center and safe delivery of care are the goals of pediatric care. A neonatal nurse is a professional with special training, skill, and knowledge in the care of newborns and their families. This period of the pediatric care is high risk area in which so many difficulties occur during the transition to extrauterine life.

Objectives

The aim of this study is to define the risk fields of malpractice and strategies for reducing the risk of malpractice in neonatal nursing, both the turkey and the world.

Method

Through literature review, “Medline, Pubmed, Wiley-Blackwell” databases, on-line and published journals accessible in Turkey are examined and results of 30 studies fulfilling the aim of this research are presented.

Results

Common areas of malpractice in neonatal nursing are constituted during resuscitation, respiratory distress, intravenous therapy, medication errors, hypoglycemia, documentation and monitoring.

Conclusions

It is clear that, the studies are limited about the risk fields of malpractice and strategies for reducing the risk of malpractice in neonatal nursing in Turkey. A few review are present about...
strategies for reducing the risk of these and the risk areas of neonatal nursing practice. It is recommended that risk areas must determine in care of neonatal for reduction of malpractice. The standard of care must describe to promote quality assurance in neonatal setting, special training, skill and knowledge nurses must work in neonatal care.

PARENTS’ EXPECTATIONS AND SATISFACTION IN PEDIATRICS WARDS

Objective The aim of this study is to investigate the expectations of parents about their child’s care, the effects of care practices on parents’ satisfaction and the relationship between the expectation and the satisfaction.

Design and Methods The research was implemented by using face-to-face interviews with the 256 parents of children at the age of 0–18 years in pediatrics clinic by means of two questionnaires. Parents completed one questionnaire immediately after their child’s admission and the second after hospital discharge.

Results As a result mothers are mostly satisfied with the approach of doctors and all their expectations except caring about children’s home routines are satisfied by nurses. Supportive approach of health care personal adds a big deal to satisfy parents’ expectations.

FROM FAILURE TO SUCCESS - A CHILD PROTECTION INITIATIVE

Background and Aim As for all child-health professionals, knowledge of safeguarding/child protection (SCP) is a key role of PICU nurses. A trust-wide audit showed deficiencies in knowledge of SCP processes in our PICU-lead centre, despite standard training. We describe the institution of a bespoke training package to address this.

Methods After a 2008 audit showed 65% compliance with SCP documentation, an internal lead nurse was appointed (CF) and lead a Transformation project entailing a series of bespoke SCP Study Days training ALL staff to Level-3 Child Protection, (recommissioned NHS London), on-going bi-annual updates, regular SCP information sharing and mandatory SCP induction for new starters.

Repeat audits in 2010 and 2012 are reported, together with further qualitative questions (2012).

Results 30/90 PICU nurses completed each questionnaire. Repeat SCP audit showed increased compliance with SCP processes 65% (2008), 90% (2010) and 94% (2012) with 100% aware of correct SCP documentation.

All staff now feel supported caring for a child with SCP concerns, and able to suggest areas for improving practice. Consultant Intensivist & lead social worker were not always identified as people who must be notified.

Conclusions We report increased SCP awareness on our PICU after a lead-nurse transformation project, with nurses now confident managing CP cases, and feeling SCP is well-managed. However, further improvement could be made in nurses interaction with the Hospital Social Care Team and further staff-support when caring for children with SCP concerns would be appreciated - especially when nurses inform parents of SCP referral.

PERCEPTIONS OF FORMALIZED CARE CONFERENCES IN A NICU

Background Implementation of family-centered care (FCC) involves a culture change in relation to nursing structure and method and have great influence on both the physical and psychological environment. Literature shows a connection between physical layout and FCC and a movement of the balance of power and the communication between parents and staff, when the principles of FCC are conducted. The challenges for staff has many facets, ranging from being a guest in the room, to be monitored in action and skills to use appreciative communication. Collaboration and communciation with the parents is decisive.

Aim To explore the perception of formalized care conferences and possible increased parental satisfaction and wellbeing.

Methods Structured interviews with mothers, special “Go-karts” and journalaudits on done formalized care conferences.

Results Our survey showed overall a great deal of parental satisfaction but a big differens in the perception of the conferences between staff and mothers. In spite the staff ranked the conferences “formalized and performed”, the mothers didn’t experienced the conferences like that - mainly because the majority of the conferences took place nearby the child and randomly. The mothers had a desire for more equal presence to communicate freely.

Conclusions Despite great insight, tools and understanding of the importance of the formalized care conferences, is it difficult for the staff to carry out the conferences as intended. This has revealed the necessity to illuminate the barriers and challenges staff experience in planning and conducting formalized care conferences, which has lead to a new project just started.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE ALARM BELL RINGS?

Background and Aim A neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) is a high risk unit for a fire outbreak. To prepare employees for an evacuation they are trained. Here we describe the evacuation drills performed.

Methods Every year a minimum of four evacuation drills are performed at the NICU of the Erasmus MC- Sophia Children’s Hospital, Rotterdam. Our NICU consists of 3 separate units. Dolls are used as simulation patients. After each evacuation drill members of the workgroup and participants provide feedback on the effectiveness of the drill.

Results Since 2008 12 evacuation drills were held for a total of 68 caregivers, (3 to 9 per drill) and 4 workgroup members. The scenarios dealt with fire outbreak (n=9), flooding (n=2) and smoke (n=1). The number of dolls used during evacuation was 1 to 6. The median time to complete evacuation was 10 minutes (range 7 to 18 minutes). The outlier of 18 minutes related to a ‘patient’ whose caseload was high (see Figure). In 9 of the 12 drills the alarm bell rang; in two cases nobody in the other units responded.