Creating Foundations for Patient Safety & Quality

Objectives

- List the common criteria identified in definitions of clinical pathways & describe how clinical pathway use can positively impact the quality of care provided for individuals as well as populations with specific conditions
- Explain how clinical pathways can reduce variability in the delivery of health care through interdisciplinary & multidisciplinary focus on improvements in workflow & processes of an organization & include the potential barriers to implementation
- Identify how evidence-based pathway use contributes to patient safety, effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness & equitability with patient-centered focus
- Summarize the implications for nursing in meeting the six aims of health care as outlined by the Institute of Medicine & provide examples of the multiple roles that nurses in both leadership & frontline roles can play in supporting the culture of high reliability organizations
- Discuss the challenges presented to the overall health care system by the rising percentage of chronic conditions among all age groups in the United States

Content Outline

1. Developmental Aspects of Clinical Pathways
   1.1 Definition based on common criteria
   1.2 Transformation process to reach high reliability organization status
   1.3 Elements of a successful clinical pathway
      1.3.1 Across the continuum
      1.3.2 Inter & multidisciplinary
      1.3.3 Channeling guidelines & evidence
      1.3.4 Measurement beyond outcomes
      1.3.5 Strategic alignment
   1.4 Obstacles & challenges to clinical pathway implementation

2. Nursing Perspective of Patient Safety & Quality Supported by Pediatric Examples
   2.1 Role of nurses in influencing quality and safety throughout organizations
   2.2 Current status of United States in health quality measures
   2.3 Institute of Medicine six aims of health care
      2.3.1 Implications for nursing
   2.4 Impact of chronic conditions on health care utilization and costs
   2.5 Role of nurse leaders in promoting the culture of a high reliability organization
   2.6 Overview of solutions for patient safety network
      2.6.1 Role of frontline nurses as champions of quality and patient safety

Reading Material Resources

Module WB1810: Creating Foundations for Patient Safety & Quality is based on the resources listed below. A copy of the resources are included with the module.

Clinical Pathways-Driving High Reliability and High-Value Care, Buchert AR and Butler, GA. Pediatric Clinics of North America, 63, 2016, pp. 317-328