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Press release (Danish)

Dokumentation af sygepleje til operationspatienterne skal give mening

Hvordan kan operationssygeplejerskerne medvirke til at forbedre dokumentationen af sygepleje under operationen? Det er der bud på i et nyt ph.d.-projekt fra Aarhus Universitet, Health. Projektet er gennemført af sygeplejerske, SD og MLP Susanne Friis Søndergaard. Hun forsvarede sin afhandling den 16. juni 2017

Subjektiv. Tilfældig. Ringe kvalitet.

Sådan beskrives dokumentationen af den sygeplejefaglige indsats til operationspatienter i flere videnskabelige undersøgelser. Som operationssygeplejerske har Susanne Friis Søndergaard selv observeret fænomenet og undret sig over, hvorfor kompetente, veluddannede og omsorgsfulde operationssygeplejersker ofte nedprioriterer at dokumentere den sygepleje, de yder til patienten? Når nu al forskning viser, at dokumentation er et vigtigt redskab til at opnå den bedste behandlingskvalitet, patientsikkerhed og kontinuitet i forløbet.

Forundringen har givet Susanne Friis Søndergaard drivkraft til at gennemføre et ph.d.-projekt om spillet mellem operationssygeplejerskers dokumentationspraksis – og de vilkår, sygeplejerskerne har for at dokumentere deres sygepleje. Ph.d.-projektet ser alene på dokumentation af den operationssygepleje, som patienten får inde på operationsstuen. Projektet består af fire delstudier - heriblandt et teststudie, hvor hun udforskede og identificerede, hvordan brugen af en elektronisk patientjournal med fagspecifikt indhold og design påvirkede operationssygeplejerskernes dokumentationspraksis .

Flere undersøgelser viser, at elektroniske patientjournaler (EPJ) ikke er tilpasset arbejdet på operationsstuen. Susanne Friis Søndergaard fandt i sine undersøgelser, at sygeplejerskernes subjektive opfattelser og anvendelse af EPJ påvirkede deres dokumentation, så dokumentationen blev utilstrækkeligt og tilfældig.

Til gengæld viste teststudie, at en EPJ, der er skræddersyet til operationssygeplejerskernes praksis, har potentiale til at forbedre dokumentationen.

Brugt efter hensigten gav den skræddersyede EPJ bl.a. øget kontinuitet i sygeplejen og ændrede vaner for dokumentation. Flere betingelser skal dog være opfyldt, blandt andet at den sygeplejefaglige ledelse understøtter en udvikling af dokumentationskulturen og sikrer de rette teknologiske løsninger.

Forsvaret af ph.d.-projektet er offentligt og finder sted den 16. juni klokken 13.00 på Regionshospitalet Viborg, Heibergs Allé 4, 8800 Viborg, i mødelokale 21-22. Titlen på projektet er "Exploring the interplay between perioperative nurses' documentation practice, and the conditions for

their practice – A Realistic Evaluation". Forskningsarbejdet er udført i Center for Forskning I Klinisk Sygepleje, Viborg, og Anæstesi- og Operationsafdelingen på Regionshospitalet Viborg.
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Press release (English)

Documentation of perioperative nursing care must make sense

What is needed for perioperative nurses to enhance the documentation of the nursing care for the patients? This is what a new PhD study from Aarhus University, Health, explores. The study is carried out by RN, SD and MLP Susanne Friis Søndergaard. She defends her dissertation on June 16, 2017.

Subjective. Random. Poor quality.

This is how documentation of perioperative nursing care is described in several scientific studies. As a perioperative nurse, Susanne Friis Søndergaard has through her practice observed the phenomenon and wondered why competent, well-educated and caring nurse nurses often omit to document the nursing care provided to the patient.

This wonder has given Suanne Friis Søndergaard the drive to perform a Ph.D. project exploring the interplay between perioperative nurses' documentation practice and the conditions for their practice. The project only focuses on the documentation in the operating room, and is divided into four parts. One part is a test study exploring how the use of an electronic health record (EHR) with a specialized perioperative content, design, and mode of utilization affect perioperative nurse's documentation practice.

Several international studies show that the current EHR's do not address the everyday practices of nursing.

Susanne Friis Søndergaard found in the Ph.D. study that perioperative nurses' subjective perceptions of documentation influence their documentation practices leading to random documentation and poor quality.

However, the study suggested that an EHR tailored to the practice of the perioperative nurses have the potential to enhance the documentation practice.

If the tailored EHR was used as intended, it provided increased continuity in nursing care and enhanced the traditions of documentation. In addition, nursing management has to address enhanced unit cultures of documentation, and furthermore ensure sufficient technological solutions, in order to improve documentation practice.

The defence is public and takes place on June 16 at 1 PM at Regional Hospital Viborg Heibergs Allé 4, 8800 Viborg, room 21-22. The title of the project is "Exploring the interplay between perioperative nurses' documentation practice, and the conditions for their practice – A Realistic Evaluation". The research has been performed in Anaesthetic and Surgical Department of the Regional Hospital in Viborg, Denmark and in Centre for Research in Clinical Nursing, Viborg, Denmark. For more information, please contact PhD student Susanne Friis Søndergaard, e-mail: sfo@ph.au.dk, phone 7844 5266 / mobil 2130 7502.

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