Welcome to the new Op-Note!

This is the new format of the Op-Note. We hope you like it. The Op-Note is published when needed (at least monthly) to keep you up to date on everything-POSH and archived on the Op-Note tab of the website. We will be consolidating as much as possible all information into the Op-Note to centralize information and decrease multiple emails. So this is the email to read!

POSH Priorities

Thanks to all of you, POSH is growing rapidly. Due to our growth, we have done some strategic thinking and planning for POSH. We have identified 4 major current priorities:

1. Staff Education
2. Clinical Guidelines/Best Practices
3. We Move! POSH Early Mobilization Program
4. Leveraging EHR in support of these goals

As POSH approaches its 1 year birthday in June, we will be working on a long term strategic plan based on input from POSH team members.

Website

We have re-organized the POSH website to highlight the POSH Priorities and added content. The newest feature is a "Breaking POSH News" box on the home page, which lists up-to-date news so it doesn't get buried in other tabs. Remember that the website is available with one click from EHR and the PIMC Intranet home page! The website is maintained constantly, so please visit frequently!

EHR

After months of work (beginning in the fall), we have transitioned to all A&P documentation completed on EHR! The A&P note is a great resource for all providers and a good communication tool. It allows us to be completely compliant with protected patient information and to communicate both before and after the planning meeting. It eliminates the need for a scribe at the A&P meeting and the dependence on any one surgeon for implementation of the program. The mark of a successful program is the ability to function without dependence on a single person, and we’ve done that! Again, a big round of thanks to Lyn Von Bibra for investing so much time in training and to all POSH members for acquiring the skills. Guides to A&P documentation are available permanently on the website on the EHR tab.
Education

In an exciting development this week, POSH has teamed up with Staff Development and Nursing education to provide formal nursing education. Thanks to Debra Ward Lund, POSH team members will be hosting 4 education events during May to review “Essentials of Post-Operative Care.” Nursing continuing education (CE) credit will be available. The flyer is available on the last page of this Op-Note.

The first POSH NetLearning experience, “Essentials of Neck Surgery” was delivered to 80 staff members in inpatient pharmacy, nursing, respiratory therapy and integrated surgical services this month! Due to our more formal partnership with Staff Development and Nursing Education, we will be using the month of May for the nursing education events and to review the questions for the other elements in the Essentials of Surgery Curriculum. During this review process in May, Pharmacy and Respiratory Therapy will see a break from the Essentials of Surgery Curriculum. We will start back up again in June or July. Supervisors will be notified of our progress.

The Education tab on the website has undergone extensive renovation. It now is a central repository for all of the elements of the POSH education program. Education events, Essentials of Surgery Curriculum, Student/Resident Information and Grand Rounds are all under the Education Program now.

We Move! POSH Early Mobilization Program

Early Mobilization had a very exciting week! We submitted the products request for the new chairs on Wednesday, 4/30. With the product request, we wrote a Scope of Work which details the overall project. We Move! is a comprehensive program to mobilize patients upon admission in order to prevent harmful complications of immobility such as pneumonia, DVT, walking dependence, ileus, skin breakdown and others. The We Move! workgroup, originally consisting of members from Nursing, Physical Therapy, Safety, and Surgery, has been expanded to include members from Pharmacy, Nutrition, Respiratory Therapy, Medicine, and Informatics. We will be presenting the proposal at the Products Committee meeting and Med-Staff in the next two weeks. We will then convene a meeting of the expanded workgroup to begin work on the program elements now that the chair selection process has been completed. Thank you to everyone who participated in chair selection!

POSH 1 year Birthday!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 10th. We will celebrate POSH’s 1 year birthday during our usual A&P meeting time. More information to come.
PIMC Peri-Operative Surgical Home (POSH)
and
The IHS Clinical Support Center (Accredited Sponsor)
Present:

Essentials of Surgery Education Series

Session 1: “Essentials of Post-Operative Care”

Presented by:
Jennefer Kieran, MD, FACS &
Anathea Powell, MD

TARGET AUDIENCE: Nurses and Nursing Assistants
DATES: May 5th, May 12th, May 15th & May 29th
TIME: 7:30-8:30
LOCATION: PIMC Conference Room A/B

OBJECTIVES: As a result of attending this activity, participants will be able to:

1. Identify risk factors that contribute to common surgical complications.
2. Identify normal and abnormal vital signs, appropriate intake and output, and expected wound appearance of post-operative patients.
3. Demonstrate appropriate methods to initiate and sustain ambulation and incentive spirometry after surgery.
4. Verbalize the key interventions for suspected or confirmed surgical complications.

To obtain a certificate of continuing education you must attend the activity in its entirety, submit a completed evaluation form, document your attendance on the sign-in record and pass an exam through Net Learning with a score ≥84%.

ACCREDITATION:
The Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinical Support Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The IHS Clinical Support Center designates this live activity for 1 hour of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for each hour of participation. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Indian Health Service Clinical Support Center is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

This activity is designated 1.0 contact hour for each hour of participation.