

O.R. Information Session
Oct. 4/05

Jessie reviewed glideoscope. It is important to cap end if used. Wash as per usual and soak in cidex.

Airways now disposable. Single patient use.

Glenda reviewed wipes- General clean up in case you need to wipe off something quickly eg. Clipper. It is non-irritating to the skin so it is not necessary to wear gloves but if wiping blood you should wear gloves. Shirley will order some for each O.R.

Reminder if any FFP is thawed and not used send it back to the blood bank it can be stored for 4hrs in fridge and be used for someone else.

Death Protocol folder is reorganized and in a black folder. Guidelines are in front. Several packages are done up and in folder. It can be found at the front desk.

Latex binder – Glenda is going to try to re-vamp the binder and eliminate all the little notes.

Glenda posting – “I have an idea”. If you have any patient safety ideas to add to the corporate newsletter let Glenda know.

Staff welcomed newcomers Jody Devereaux and Ann Marie Reid. Susan is now finished orientation.

Keith is requesting staff to leave tourniquets in rm 5 and to make sure they are plugged in.

Bag decanter – leaking. Try not to squeeze fluid up the spout before pouring.

Blood was put in freezer. Reminder that blood is to be returned to the fridge not the freezer. On weekends porter is responsible to bring back blood to the lab. Blood kept in the cooler is only good for 4hrs.

PCA's on evenings are responsible to have the rooms ready for the following morning, especially Monday mornings.

Shirley will ask R.R. if when bringing a bed down to O.R. if they could bring O2 tank as well. If surgery deemed necessary.

Shirley – time out. Questions as to are we having trouble with time out. Staff have mixed reviews. Shirley has labels we will wait and see if they are necessary.

Shirley has orange tape to go over cords. She will order some more and try it.

Specimens – have to be covered completely with formalin. Make sure we use lots of formalin to cover specimens. Place specimen in larger containers. Mastectomies – large containers, cover completely with lots of formalin and send direct to Pathology. Breast reduction specimens are treated the same. Small specimen containers used for very small specimens only.

Evening report is very helpful. Report why cases aren't done etc. This is working well for Shirley when tracking cases.

Starting time on weekends are better but the units on the floors sometimes is in report. Let Shirley know if this is a problem.

Housestaff – some issues where staff are here and anesthesia have not been notified. This has happened a couple of times. The housestaff are to call anesthesia before O.R. staff are to be called. Shirley will check out and mention at the next O.R. committee meeting.

Shirley is having trouble with the clippers none of the recent ones are working. Trouble getting some from the company. Shirley showed razors that are recessed like a clipper. We may try them on a trial basis.

Patient waiting area – please try not to say the patients name, let the patient say there name. "Safety Purpose".