A Practical Guide to Developing and Running Effective Nurse Led Pre-Assessment

As part of the multidisciplinary team

Tuesday 17 July 2007 • The Royal College of Nursing, London

A one day practical conference which examines the role of nurses developing and running pre-assessment clinics, including:

- Nurse led pre-assessment: National update
- Developing effective nurse led pre-assessment in practice
- Recording and explaining the patient journey through care pathways
- Predicting and explaining risk, providing patient information and gaining consent
- Developing competence through education and training in pre-assessment
- Ordering and interpreting diagnostic investigations through x-rays
- Career development for pre-assessment nurses
- Innovative tools to support pre-assessment
- Maintaining an efficient and effective pre-assessment service: audit and evaluation

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“Interesting, informative, varied range of related topics. Thank you.”
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“All speakers were excellent. Talks were pitched at correct level and all very interesting. Lots of food for thought.”
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Pre-operative assessment goes beyond determining the medical fitness of a patient for surgery. It must involve a conversation between the patient and practitioner explaining any risks and provide an understanding of what to expect so that the patient is fully prepared and fit for the procedure they will undergo. Running an effective nurse led pre-assessment service is vital as it involves analysing demand and capacity data: linking pre-assessment, pre-admission and discharge and recording and explaining the patient journey through care pathways.

More recently there has been a growing number of nurse led pre-assessment services which has meant an increased focus on patient-centred care. This has enabled nurses to take on new skills and responsibilities and co-ordinate the multidisciplinary pre-assessment team.

The nurse led pre-assessment conference enables you to learn from experienced healthcare professionals about how to develop innovative methods to support pre-assessment and how to develop competence through education and training. You will hear how efficient and effective pre-assessment can be maintained and how you can further and develop your career as a pre-assessment nurse.
Chairman: Jane Jackson  Chair Preoperative Association and Consultant Nurse Pre-operative Assessment West Hertfordshire NHS Trust

10.00  Chairman’s introduction
Nurse led pre-assessment: National update

- recent developments in nurse led pre-assessment
- national examples of good practice
- future plans for improving nurse led pre-assessment

10.40  Developing effective nurse led pre-assessment in practice
Juliet Chambers
Deputy Director of Nursing
Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust

- a practical guide to setting up effective nurse led pre-assessment in practice
- securing the necessary resources required for setting up your service
- leading and coordinating the multidisciplinary pre-assessment team

11.10  Questions and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition at 11.20

11.50  Recording and explaining the patient journey through care pathways
Samantha Annis
Clinical Nurse Specialist Pre-Operative Assessment
Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

- recording and explaining the patient journey through care pathways
- processing mapping the patient journey to identifying areas for improvement
- analysing demand and capacity data: linking pre-assessment, pre-admission and discharge planning
- redesigning services to improve the patient journey at Sherwood Forest

12.00  Developing competence through education and training in pre-assessment
Hilary Walsgrove
Pre-operative Assessment Lead Nurse
Poole Hospital NHS Trust and Lecturer Practitioner
Nurse Practitioner Programme, Bournemouth University

- developing competence through education and training in pre-assessment
- compiling and implementing a competency framework
- the role of the pre-operative assessment (POA) lead nurse introduced in Poole

12.50  Questions and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition at 13.00

FOCUS  Career development: demonstrating competence and developing new and extended nursing roles in pre-assessment

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14.25  Ordering and interpreting diagnostic investigations including x-rays
Mark Radford
Nurse Consultant
Good Hope Hospitals NHS Trust

- ordering and interpreting diagnostic investigations within a nurse led pre-assessment clinic
- taking on enhanced clinical and diagnostic decision making: when to refer
- advanced nursing practice within pre-assessment
- our experiences at Good Hope

14.50  Career development for pre-assessment nurses
Speaker to be confirmed

- developing and extending your skills to take on traditionally medical tasks
- the career opportunities available for nurses working in pre-assessment
- my personal journey

15.15  Questions and answers, followed by tea and exhibition at 15.25

15.45  Innovative tools to support pre-assessment
Janet Lynam
Pre-assessment Senior Nurse
The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust

- using a knowledge based IT system to support pre-assessment
- introducing new methods and changing traditional ways of working
- the potential benefits of using technology to support the development of pre-assessment services

16.15  Maintaining an efficient and effective pre-assessment service: audit and evaluation
Clare Evans
Consultant Nurse Perioperative Care
United Bristol Hospitals NHS Trust

- evaluating your pre-assessment service and reviewing patient care
- methods for disseminating the results and making improvements based on audit findings
- sharing good practice across the whole organisation and beyond services

16.45  Questions and answers, followed by close
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