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Safe surgery checklistTR: Application situation of the phase before the patient leaves the clinic

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Problem and Contribution: In our country, “Safe Surgery Checklist TR (GCKLTR)” was put into use by the Head of Department of Quality and Accreditation in Health, by taking into consideration the expert opinions and country priorities. Safe surgery is a notion that shall start in the clinic before the patient arrives to the operating room. Based on this approach, the section “Before leaving the Clinic” was added to the top of the list in GCKLTR. At “Before Leaving the Clinic” step, the responsible of the control list (usually the clinic nurse), when possible, shall answer orally all the questions of this phase with the patient and the physician. The aim of the validation process before surgery is to check the right side, process and patient, to control the availability of all the relevant documents, figures and studies, to verify the correct labelling and presentation and to confirm the availability of any necessary equipment or implant (Efe et al., 2014).

Method: The research was performed for the description of the actual situation about the safe surgery. In the study, survey technique was used as data collection method. The study environment was defined as 221 nurses volunteer for the study, graduated and working as nurses in surgical clinics. Data was collected using data collection formula given in the first part of the survey by using face to face interview method to determine the socio-demographic properties of the nurses. For the section before leaving the clinic of the “Safe Surgery ChecklistTR”, data was collected based on observation method.

Findings: At the end of our study, it was determined that almost all the nurses participating to the study check the identity, get the approvals and control the starving state of the patients before the surgery. However, serious omissions were determined for the confirmation of the surgery, the confirmation of the surgery area, the shaving of the surgery area, and the marking of the surgery area. For 85% of the patients, the surgery is not confirmed and in almost all the cases, the surgery area is not confirmed. It was determined that in half of the patients the surgery area is not marked and in almost half of them, the surgery area is not shaved.

Biography

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