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Check

Pre Education Survey: N = 47 RNs

1. Able to correctly draw electrode placement on a chest diagram: Correct: 15 Incorrect: 32
2. Able to correctly describe steps for proper skin preparation: Correct: 12 Incorrect: 35

Post-Education Electrode Placement 38 Patients

Incorrect Correct

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Re-Education Electrode Placement 38 Patients

Incorrect Correct

Act

October and November 2015
- Staff were surveyed to access knowledge of proper electrode placement and skin preparation during annual “Ed Days”
- Education was provided to RNs and PCAs and laminated pocket cards were created and given to staff to illustrate proper electrode placement
- Electrode placement champions recruited

Skin prep pads were placed in every patient room

December 2015: First audits
January 2016: Re-education of all RNs and PCAs during unit meetings
March and April 2016: Second round of audits completed

References


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