ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD IMPLEMENTATION FOR PEDIATRIC SURGERY PATIENTS: PEDS TO THE RESCUE

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INTRODUCTION

Health care documentation is transitioning to electronic medical records and computerized physician order entry (CPOE). Legislation recently passed - the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) - defines the concepts of "mandated electronic medical records" and what consists of "meaningful use". Pediatric hospitals and outpatient centers must comply with these mandates and promote "best practices" in providing surgical care. Monetary incentives for implementation of computerized medical records began in 2013. Health care organizations that do not comply with ARRA by 2015 will face reimbursement issues and cuts in federal funding.

The benefits of an electronic medical record (EMR) are numerous, some of the benefits include:

- Increase standardization
- Efficiency
- Improve coordination of care
- Improved workflow (i.e. – sharing of documentation)
- Accuracy and legibility
- Automation
- Improve revenue

Our institution implemented an electronic medical record named PEDS in April 2012. PEDS stands for ***Pedi**atric **E**lectronic **D**ata **S**ystem*. The Cerner® system was selected and the entire hospital "went live" on a predetermined date. Pediatric surgery was consulted for their specific needs for pre-operative and post-operative care.

OBJECTIVES

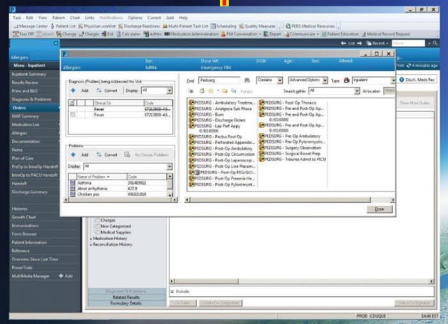
To develop order sets for surgical orders including:

- Pre-operative care
- Post- operative care
- Progress Notes
- Consultation Notes
- History and Physicals

METHODS

Specific Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) were identified 18 months prior to implementation to assist with specific specialty needs. A Surgical Nurse Practitioner was designated to be the lead for the pediatric surgical team. Paper order sets were reviewed and prioritized to be developed into an electronic format. The Pediatric Surgery Team treats a variety of surgical issues such as appendicitis, pyloric stenosis, thoracic malformations, trauma patients, burns, bowel obstructions and placement of central lines and gastrostomy tubes. The following power plans were developed for management of surgical patients.

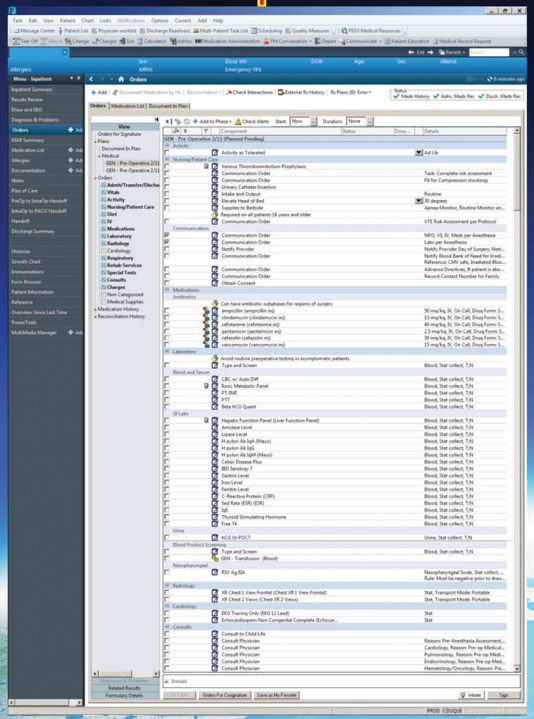
Pedsurg Order Sets



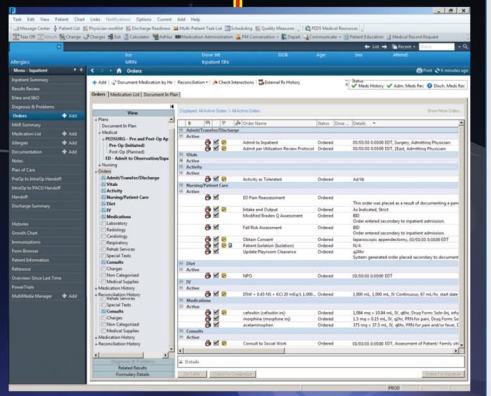
RESULTS

There were many challenges during the order set development and implementation. The Powerplan development included: testing and re-testing, revisions and modifications to meet specific order set needs. Numerous members of the surgical team tested the order sets during integration testing. All areas that integrate with these orders tested for accuracy and completeness of order to be carried out for the specific test patient.

Pre-operative Order Sets



Initiated Pre-Operative Appendicitis Order Set



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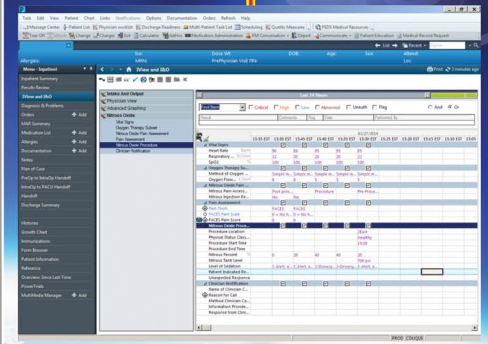

MyKid's Patient Portal

A new edition to our EMR is the MyKid's Patient Portal which allows families online access to their child's medical records. Parents can log in any time to view:

- Clinical summary, including medications, allergies, immunizations, health issues and surgeries
- Visit history
- Discharge information
- Lab results
- Patient and surgical images

CONCLUSIONS

Prior to developing standard electronic surgical order sets, institutions must have a clear vision of their workflow and needs in order to have a functional end product. Additional challenges of EMR include continual technical support, ability to make modifications in a quick manner, training of the end users, down time procedures both scheduled and unscheduled, order clean up, system maintenance and adequate resources solely dedicated to the EMR. Our institution has one dedicated staff member to assist ARNPs and Physicians with CPOE. This person was extensively involved in the training, adoption and follow through with all the medical teams at the hospital. In addition, he meets monthly and as needed to provide technical support.

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