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**Enhancing Practice for the Protection of Patient Dignity in Day Surgery Centre**

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**Introduction**

Before entering into the Operating Room (OR), patients need to change their own clothes and wear the operation attire in Day Surgery Centre (DSC) because of infection control standard. Under the existing practice, they are not allowed to wear any underwear and not offered with any kind of underneath dress. In view of feeling "nothing underneath the operation attire" they had always expressed a surprise and embarrassing request of wearing underwear to staff working in DSC. Intra-operatively, during skin disinfection in the operating theatre room, both the theatre staff and the patient had felt very embarrassed when taking off the patient's trousers for preparation of the operation site below pelvis region. More importantly, we could not likely protect the dignity of the patient if such practice still continues. In view of such embarrassing situation, we propose the protective method disposable underwear to the patient who would have felt easy and comfortable during the stay in DSC & OR

**Objectives**

-to reduce level of embarrassment amongst the patient & theatre staff in lower limb operation -to protect the dignity of patient -to receive the patient & staff satisfaction towards this new practice for a standardized patient attire

**Methodology**

-Conducted a random descriptive survey -Collected the opinion of the 50 patients who undergone lower limb operation and wore the disposable underwear, through questionnaire between September 2013 and October 2013 -Collected the opinion of the nursing staff & supporting staff from Operating Theatre and Day Surgery Centre through questionnaire between November 2013 and December 2013

**Result**

Result : -100% patients satisfied the program -92-98% staff agreed or satisfied the program Discussion: -adopt the practice as a standardized patient attire for patient undergoing lower limb operations -extend the practice in phases to other specialty, such as Pain, Breast, ENT, Dental, Eye, Surgical teams for wide clinical applicability.