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Clinical risk prevention program: Retrospective survey of nurses' perceptions on brand standardization of intubating stylet & size-compatible to ET-Tube in resuscitation trolleys in Cheshire Home, Shatin

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Introduction

One of nursing roles during resuscitation is to assist in placement of the endotracheal (ET) tube. SCH Emergency Medical Response Team (EMRT) implemented a CQI program in July 2013. Before the program, there were three brands of intubating stylet to be kept in resuscitation trolleys. The limitation of all these brands was not size-compatible to all endotracheal (ET) tubes kept in the emergency trolleys. Mallinckrodt Satin-slip intubating stylet Fr 14, which can accommodate ET tube size from 5-10 mm ID, was introduced and replaced the previous three brands of intubating stylet. In addition, a specification table stated the various sizes of ET tubes to be accommodated by the standardized brand was attached to the stylet for ward staff's quick reference.

Objectives

One brand of size-compatible intubating stylet facilitates nurses to have correct choice of stylet during the emergency intubation process.

Methodology

A.Retrospective survey on nurses perception on brand standardization of intubating stylet & size-compatible to ET-Tube B.Data collection: 6-items-questionnaire was employed to review the nurses knowledge and preception on new and old intubating stylet.

Result

Results: The response rate of the survey is 78%. By comparing knowledge on new and old intubating stylet, the number of giving correct answer is significantly increased (from 19% to 98%). It illustrated that nurses understood the important of size-compatible stylet in intubation procedure. 47% and 53% of nurses were "strongly agree" and "agree" respectively that one brand size-compatible ET tube and the quick reference table facililate them to choose the correct size of stylet to fit the various

sizes of ET tube. Conclusion: During such a stressful and life-threatening intubation process, nurses need to prepare many intubation items & nursing actions such as laryngoscopes, ET tube, intubating stylet, syringe, patient positioning and oro-pharyngeal suction in a short period time. This CQI program can enhance nurses to choose the correct size of stylet for fitting the ET tube as required by the standard of clinical practice.