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3 Years' Review in Credentialing and Defining Scope of Practice (Nursing Related) Development in Hong Kong New Territories East Cluster

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Introduction

Credentialing and defining scope of practice (SOP) are measures to ensure that appropriate healthcare professionals (HCP) have the right skills, qualifications, and experience to support clinical services in health care settings. It enables the organization to provide safe and high quality service by ensuring HCP practice within the bound of their competency. The NTEC Credentialing (Nursing) Workgroup had identified areas for improvement in enhancing credentialing and SOP process in cluster level; and worked out with clinical departments to align the variations in SOP (nursing related procedures).

Objectives

- 1.To promote the development and better definition of SOP in clinical departments
- 2.To align SOP (nursing related procedures) criteria in the same specialty of different hospitals in NTEC
- 3.To enhance the professional development in nursing related procedures

Methodology

- 1.Formed a workgroup comprising of clinical representatives from different hospitals since 2014.
- 2.Prepared sharing sessions for the promotion of credentialing and defining SOP in cluster in accordance with Hospital Authority new governance framework. Those sharing sessions were conducted in nursing forums, clinical departments and management meetings. Updated materials were uploaded in the i-Hosp website for easy reference.
- 3.Coordinated with clinical departments to align SOP of nursing procedures in the same specialty among different hospitals.
- 4.Developed a standardized template to align SOP and upload the aligned SOP to cluster credentialing website for sharing.

Result

1.The total number of SOP related to nursing procedures formulated in clinical departments in cluster has been increased by 26% in 2016(n=67) when compared the data of 2014 (n=52)

2.Alignment of five SOP-nursing related procedures in different acute hospitals in NTEC were achieved including:

i.Wound Suturing in Accident and Emergency Departments (AED) of PWH, AHNH and NDH

ii.AEDs Triage of PWH, AHNH and NDH

iii.Heel prick of Pediatric Departments of PWH and AHNH

iv.Chronic Renal Replacement Therapy in the Intensive Care Units of PWH, AHNH and NDH

v.Water Swallowing Test in the Medical Departments of PWH, AHNH and NDH.

Conclusion:

Clinical departments in cluster had made a substantial change and improvement in credentialing and defining SOP. The alignment of various SOP (nursing related procedure) in the same specialty among different hospitals had set the right direction to ensure safe and standardized practice and competence within our health care settings.