The Use of Pre/Post Hemodialysis Evaluation Tool as a Template to Enhance Documentation
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Problem:
The community Living Center needs to meet the challenge in Long TermCareSurvey report that evidence is needed to support documentation on assessing, evaluating patient receiving hemodialysis before transporting patient to dialysis unit and after patient returned to Community Living Center (CLC) from dialysis unit.

Evidence:
Patient needs to be assessed, evaluated before and after receiving hemodialysis, and after performing assessment, evaluation of patient needs to be documented.

Strategy:
Hemodialysis committee was formed. Pre/Post hemodialysis evaluation tool as a template for documentation on assessing, evaluating patient before transporting patient to dialysis unit and after returning patient to CLC from dialysis unit was initiated and completed. The evaluation tool is used for assessing, evaluating patient’s vital signs, pain, weight, level of consciousness, auscultation of lungs, peripheral edema, vascular access present/patent.

Practice Change:
The practice of documentation on assessing, evaluating patient before and after receiving hemodialysis by documenting in pre/post hemodialysis evaluation tool was established. It was implemented throughout the all units in CLC.

Evaluation:
The rate of compliance on documenting pre and post hemodialysis evaluation tool were tracked on all units in CLC during the following year.

Results:
Overall, 92% compliance rate was achieved on documenting in pre/post hemodialysis evaluation tool before transporting patient to dialysis unit and after returning patient to CLC from dialysis unit for the following year after implementation.

Recommendation:
The result shows the pre/post hemodialysis evaluation tool is very important and useful tool for increasing compliance on documentation in assessing, evaluating patient before transporting patient to dialysis unit and after returning patient to CLC from dialysis unit for receiving hemodialysis.

Lesson Learned:
Implementing the pre/post hemodialysis evaluation tool is very effective in compliance and to standardize practice on documentation.
Bibliography
