Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
FAILURE TO RESCUE: MONITORING FOR OPIOID INDUCED RESPIRATORY DEPRESSION

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 4 - Monitoring for opioid-induced respiratory depression

Commitment Start Date
01/10/2012

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent

Patient Safety Movement Foundation | patientsafetymovement.org
Commitment Summary
PMC is in process of deploying systems, assessment, intervention, EMR, and equipment to assure safe care for patients receiving opioids.

Commitment Description & Detail
Complete FMEA to identify existing systems and needed systems for care.
• Implement continuous electronic monitoring on all floors where patients are being administered opioids and are in bed.
  ▪ System currently in place for ICU, PACU, ED, and Telemetry. Additional equipment being identified.
• Monitoring should at a minimum include pulse oximetry with a central telemetry station and direct communication to the nurse.
  ▪ Being evaluated and will deploy 2017.
• Patients on oxygen should have capnography or acoustic rate monitoring.
  ▪ Respiratory has equipment that can continuously monitor capnography and pulse oximetry.
  ▪ Independent system that is not hardwired into EMR. Plans for integration in 2017.
  ▪ Alarms are audible and do not alert nurse directly.
• Set alarm rates to minimize alarm fatigue.
  ▪ System in place.
• Rapid Response Notification System.
  ▪ System in place.
• Hospital governance plan.
  ▪ System in place.

Action Plan
See above.

Commitment Timeline
2017 - Complete equipment and EMR integration
2018 - Repeat FMEA to assess for additional opportunities.