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