Conference Learnings

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60th Annual AORN Congress
San Diego, California
March 2-7, 2013

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Conference Topics

- *Being There, an introduction to Grief and Loss Training for Nurses – (learned about different phases of grieving and what NOT to say to individuals & families).

- *Managing Surgical Plume: A Facility Wide Approach – (learned that performing a certain amount of cases each week if equivalent to smoking a pack of cigarettes if no plume/smoke evacuator is used)!

- *Total Joint Replacements – (This topic had speakers from a facility that formed a partnership with a Hilton Hotel to recover their post-op ortho patients who met certain physical and emotional criteria. The goal was to have a "hotel feel" rather than the traditional hospital setting.)
Learning to Consider for LVHN

*With regards to the total joint replacement topic I would like to work with the chief of orthopaedics and the service line meetings to implement some of the concepts from the western hospital that paired with the Hilton. The opening of 7K is looking to create a new, state of the art experience for their total joint patients by fostering a less hospital like ambiance and creating a more interactive, therapy based regimen that incorporates the patient and family.
Group Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

Where the rubber meets the road