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Mottled skin thanks to massive, system-wide vasoconstriction Muscle rigidity in most patients And, of course, the next question is alwaysâ€¦what are you going to do about it? Operating rooms will typically have a Malignant Hyperthermia Cart all ready to go with the necessary equipment as well as the dantrolene. Familiarize yourself with the cart so you can be on top of your game if this emergency happens on your watch! Respiratory-wise, there are all kinds of things that can go wrong after surgery. You may hear stridor or the patient may have a hoarse quality to their voice. You could also hear a cough that sounds a lot like croup or see retractions when inspiration. Sit the patient up and do your best to keep them calm. When the larynx is irritated it can go into spasm which can lead to a partial or complete airway obstruction. Signs that your patient is having laryngospasm are: Anyone who has a decreased LOC or swollen airway is at risk for aspiration. This could be the aspiration of stomach contents if the patient is vomiting, or even just oral secretions. The patient may need positive pressure mask ventilation OR even intubation if the aspiration was severe. I saw an aspiration occur once and the deterioration was so incredibly suddenâ€¦patient immediately started agonal breathing and O2 sats dropped waaaaaay down. Thanks to all those good pain meds, hypoventilation and hypoxia are common complications after surgery. Lots of stuff to go wrong here. In general, anesthesia depresses myocardial function, which is further exacerbated by opioids. Hmmmâ€¦guess you better be on top of your game when identifying cardiac problems such as these: Sometimes tachycardia is just due to pain, so treat the pain. Or, it may be caused by hypoxiaâ€¦treat the hypoxia. A slow heart rate may be due to pain medicationâ€¦and the scarier dysrhythmias are usually a result of anesthesia plain and simple. Knowing if your patient has a heart condition will clue you in to having a high index of suspicion for post-operative dysrhythmias. Keep an eye on that monitor and, if in doubt, get a lead ASAP! When the heart is unhappy, cardiac output can be affectedâ€¦so keep an eye on blood pressure. The treatment will depend on the causeâ€¦. In general, a hypotensive patient will get volume and may need vasopressors. If the patient is hypertensive usually, then meds like nicardipine a calcium channel blocker or a vasodilator may be used. Anyone with diabetesâ€¦recall that diabetes leads to poor skin integrity. Anyone who takes steroids such as prednisoneâ€¦again, poor skin integrity. Any vascular surgery Signs of post-op bleeding include a drop in blood pressure, elevation in HR and RR with possible corresponding drop in O2 sats. The treatment for post-op bleeding is usually MORE surgery! In the cases where coagulopathies are present, you will likely try to correct the coagulopathy as wellâ€¦give platelets, give Vitamin K, give plasma, give blood. With anesthesia and pain meds usually comes some pretty significant nausea. As far as hypothermia goesâ€¦understand that ORs are really cold places. Why is this a big deal? I wish I had one of these at home! Your job is to: Because all of those things hurt and you are the mean nurse for even suggesting it. In addition to being an aspiration risk, vomiting can tear delicate suture lines leading to bleeding and more surgery for your patient. Also, I imagine it hurts a LOTâ€¦especially if your patient has had abdominal surgery of any kind. This is where your Zofran comes in. If you see consistently high temps, suspect infectionâ€¦especially two-ish days after surgery. If you see hypotension, suspect bleeding, volume depletion dehydration or over sedation. Be kind, thoughâ€¦pre-medicate first and stay diligent with cleanliness. Prevent and monitor for infection: Scrub the hubs of all IV lines before accessing them to prevent line infections. Prevent and monitor for deep vein thrombosis DVT. Patients who are on bedrest or just flat-out refusing to get up and walk are at high risk for a DVT. If your patient starts to complain of unilateral leg pain or swelling, then you might be smart to suspect a DVT. Patients at highest risk for DVT are those who: Most wounds will be covered for 24 hours post surgeryâ€¦do not remove this dressing! The surgeon will come around and remove this dressing. Cover the wound with sterile gauze or a sterile drape soaked in sterile normal saline and call the MDâ€¦this patient will be going back to surgery! One thing you can do to help prevent an abdominal wound dehiscence is to teach your patient to splint their belly when they cough or moveâ€¦this means holding a pillow against their belly to provide some counter pressure. Easy enough and it actually feels pretty good for the patient. If your patient

had an abdominal surgery, expect the belly to be pretty silent for about a day. As you advance the diet, keep an eye on nausea and go slow! So there you have it! Your job as the nurse is to encourage the patient toward independence and prevent complications. Treat that pain and a lot of other things will fall nicely into place. Of course, over-treating pain has its own host of problems somnolence, over-sedation, respiratory depression, hypotension.. You want them to be able to participate in their careâ€¦not be so zonked they sleep all day. What else would you like to learn about post-op patients? Leave your comments belowâ€¦and be safe out there!

Chapter 2 : Care of Surgical Patient |authorSTREAM

The evaluation, diagnosis and care of the surgical patient are primarily the responsibility of the surgeon. The surgeon bears responsibility for ensuring the patient undergoes a pre-operative assessment appropriate to the procedure.

During the s the advent of ambulatory surgery centers ASCs , also referred to as outpatient surgery, short-stay surgery, or same-day surgery, changed the perioperative process. Centers providing these services are hospital-based or freestanding surgical centers. Starting in Medicare began paying for surgeries performed in ASCs, and now over half of all elective surgical procedures occur on an outpatient basis. This increase is the result of payer changes and advances in medical technology. Many patients are discharged the day of surgery following reversal of the anesthetic agent. One-day surgery, in which the patient is admitted the day of surgery and observed overnight hour admission , also occurs. There are benefits for the patient who has ambulatory surgery. Anesthetic drugs that metabolize rapidly with few aftereffects allow shorter operative times and faster recovery time. Ambulatory surgery also offers cost savings by eliminating the need for hospital stays, thus reducing the possibility of acquiring health careâ€"associated infections HAIs. For example, many abdominal procedures such as gallbladder removal cholecystectomy are now performed using laparoscopic procedures. Laparoscopic surgery involves the use of minimally invasive techniques with small incisions and cameras or scopes for performance of the surgery as opposed to a large incision required for an open surgery. Because of the small incision, a laparoscopic cholecystectomy involves only a few hours to a hour hospital stay and a recovery period of a week. By contrast, an open cholecystectomy involves a larger abdominal incision with a hospitalization of 1 to 3 days and up to a 4-week recovery period. Advances in medical technology have made laparoscopic procedures more commonplace and less risky. Thus many surgeons use them instead of traditional surgical procedures, thereby decreasing the length of surgery, hospitalization, and associated costs. Classification of Surgery The types of surgical procedures are classified according to seriousness, urgency, and purpose Table Some procedures fall into more than one classification. For example, surgical removal of a disfiguring scar is minor in seriousness, elective in urgency, and reconstructive in purpose. Frequently the classes overlap. An urgent procedure is also major in seriousness. Sometimes the same operation is performed for different reasons on different patients. For example, a gastrectomy may be performed as an emergency procedure to resect a bleeding ulcer or as an urgent procedure to remove a cancerous growth. The classification indicates the level of care a patient requires. Anesthesia always involves risks even in healthy patients, but certain patients are at higher risk, including those who are volume depleted or who have poor cardiac function Rothrock, ASA physical status classes 1 and 2 and also stable class 3 are now acceptable for ambulatory surgery. Classes 4 and 5 require inpatient surgery.

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Chapter Care of the Surgical Patient. Cooper and Gosnell: Foundations and Adult Health Nursing, 7th Edition. MULTIPLE CHOICE. calendrierdelascience.com patient who had a nephrectomy yesterday has not used the patient-controlled analgesia (PCA) delivery system but admits to being in pain but fearful of addiction.

Postoperative care Definition Postoperative care is the management of a patient after surgery. This includes care given during the immediate postoperative period, both in the operating room and postanesthesia care unit PACU , as well as during the days following surgery. Purpose The goal of postoperative care is to prevent complications such as infection, to promote healing of the surgical incision, and to return the patient to a state of health. Description Postoperative care involves assessment, diagnosis, planning, intervention, and outcome evaluation. Patients who have procedures done in a day-surgery center usually require only a few hours of care by health care professionals before they are discharged to go home. If postanesthesia or postoperative complications occur within these hours, the patient must be admitted to the hospital. Patients who are admitted to the hospital may require days or weeks of postoperative care by hospital staff before they are discharged. The amount of time the patient spends in the PACU depends on the length of surgery, type of surgery, status of regional anesthesia e. Rather than being sent to the PACU, some patients may be transferred directly to the critical care unit. For example, patients who have had coronary artery bypass grafting are sent directly to the critical care unit. The PACU nurse should also be made aware of any complications during surgery, including variations in hemodynamic blood circulation stability. The following is a list of other assessment categories: Since the patient may still be sedated from anesthesia, safety is a primary goal. Patients in a day surgery setting are either discharged from the PACU to the unit, or are directly discharged home after they have urinated, gotten out of bed, and tolerated a small amount of oral intake. First 24 hours After the hospitalized patient transfers from the PACU, the nurse taking over his or her care should assess the patient again, using the same previously mentioned categories. If the patient reports "hearing" or feeling pain during surgery under anesthesia the observation should not be discounted. The anesthesiologist or nurse anesthetist should discuss the possibility of an episode of awareness under anesthesia with the patient. Vital signs, respiratory status, pain status, the incision, and any drainage tubes should be monitored every one to two hours for at least the first eight hours. Body temperature must be monitored, since patients are often hypothermic after surgery, and may need a warming blanket or warmed IV fluids. Respiratory status should be assessed frequently, including assessment of lung sounds auscultation and chest excursion, and presence of an adequate cough. Fluid intake and urine output should be monitored every one to two hours. If the patient does not have a urinary catheter, the bladder should be assessed for distension, and the patient monitored for inability to urinate. The physician should be notified if the patient has not urinated six to eight hours after surgery. If the patient had a vascular or neurological procedure performed, circulatory status or neurological status should be assessed as ordered by the surgeon, usually every one to two hours. The patient may require medication for nausea or vomiting, as well as pain. Patients with a patient-controlled analgesia pump may need to be reminded how to use it. If the patient is too sedated immediately after the surgery, the nurse may push the button to deliver pain medication. The patient should be asked to rate his or her pain level on a pain scale in order to determine his or her acceptable level of pain. Controlling pain is crucial so that the patient may perform coughing, deep breathing exercises, and may be able to turn in bed, sit up, and, eventually, walk. Effective preoperative teaching has a positive impact on the first 24 hours after surgery. If patients understand that they must perform respiratory exercises to prevent pneumonia; and that movement is imperative for preventing blood clots, encouraging circulation to the extremities, and keeping the lungs clear; they will be much more likely to perform these tasks. Understanding the need for movement and respiratory exercises also underscores the importance of keeping pain under control. Respiratory exercises coughing, deep breathing, and incentive spirometry should be done every two hours. The patient should be turned every two hours, and should at least be sitting on the edge of the bed by eight hours after surgery, unless contraindicated e. Patients who are not able to sit up in bed due to their surgery will have sequential compression devices on their legs until they are able to move about.

These are stockings that inflate with air in order to simulate the effect of walking on the calf muscles, and return blood to the heart. The patient should be encouraged to splint any chest and abdominal incisions with a pillow to decrease the pain caused by coughing and moving. Patients should be kept NPO nothing by mouth if ordered by the surgeon, at least until their cough and gag reflexes have returned. Patients often have a dry mouth following surgery, which can be relieved with oral sponges dipped in ice water or lemon ginger mouth swabs. Patients who are discharged home after a day surgery procedure are given prescriptions for their pain medications, and are responsible for their own pain control and respiratory exercises. Their families or caregivers should be included in preoperative teaching so that they can assist the patient at home. The patient should be reminded to call his or her physician if any complications or uncontrolled pain arise. These patients are often managed at home on a follow-up basis by a hospital-connected visiting nurse or home care service. After 24 hours After the initial 24 hours, vital signs can be monitored every four to eight hours if the patient is stable. The incision and dressing should be monitored for the amount of drainage and signs of infection. The surgeon may order a dressing change during the first postoperative day; this should be done using sterile technique. For home-care patients this technique must be emphasized. The hospitalized patient should be sitting up in a chair at the bedside and ambulating with assistance by this time. Respiratory exercises are still be performed every two hours, and incentive spirometry values should improve. The patient should be monitored for any evidence of potential complications, such as leg edema, redness, and pain deep vein thrombosis , shortness of breath pulmonary embolism , dehiscence separation of the incision, or ileus intestinal obstruction. The surgeon should be notified immediately if any of these occur. If dehiscence occurs, sterile saline-soaked dressing packs should be placed on the wound. Preparation Patients receive a great deal of information on postoperative care. They may be offered pain medication in preparation for any procedure that is likely to cause discomfort. Patients may receive educational materials such as handouts and video tapes, so that they will have a clear understanding of what to expect postoperatively. Aftercare Aftercare includes ensuring that patients are comfortable, either in bed or chair, and that they have their call lights accessible. After dressing changes, blood-soaked dressings should be properly disposed of in a bio-hazard container. Pain medication should be offered before any procedure that might cause discomfort. Patients should be given the opportunity to ask questions. In some cases, they may ask the nurse to demonstrate certain techniques so that they can perform them properly once they return home. Normal results The goal of postoperative care is to ensure that patients have good outcomes after surgical procedures. A good outcome includes recovery without complications and adequate pain management. Another objective of postoperative care is to assist patients in taking responsibility for regaining optimum health.

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Perioperative nursing refers to the nurse's role during the preoperative (before surgery), intraoperative (during surgery), and postoperative (after surgery) phases of a surgical experience. Perioperative nursing stresses the importance of providing continuity of care for the surgical patient using the nursing process.

Takeaway Postoperative care is the care you receive after a surgical procedure. The type of postoperative care you need depends on the type of surgery you have, as well as your health history. It often includes pain management and wound care. Postoperative care begins immediately after surgery. As part of your postoperative care, your healthcare provider should teach you about the potential side effects and complications of your procedure. Before you have surgery, ask your doctor what the postoperative care will involve. This will give you time to prepare beforehand. Many hospitals provide written discharge instructions. Ask your doctor questions such as: How long will I be expected to remain in the hospital? Will I need any special supplies or medications when I go home? Will I need a caregiver or physical therapist when I go home? What side effects can I expect? What complications should I watch out for? What things should I do or avoid to support my recovery? When can I resume normal activity? The answers to these questions can help you prepare ahead of time. If you expect to need help from a caregiver, arrange for it before your surgery. Depending on the type of surgery you have, there are many potential complications that can arise. For example, many surgeries put patients at risk of infection, bleeding at the surgical site, and blood clots caused by inactivity. Prolonged inactivity can also cause you to lose some of your muscle strength and develop respiratory complications. Ask your doctor for more information about the potential complications of your specific procedure. Postoperative care in the hospital After your surgery is complete, you will be moved to a recovery room. Some people also feel nauseated. They may ask you to take deep breaths to assess your lung function. They may check your surgical site for signs of bleeding or infection. They will also watch for signs of an allergic reaction. For many types of surgery, you will be placed under general anesthesia. Anesthesia can cause an allergic reaction in some people. Outpatient surgery Outpatient surgery is also known as same-day surgery. Make sure you arrange transportation home, preferably ahead of time. You may feel groggy into the following day. You may need to stay for several days or longer. In some cases, patients who were originally scheduled for outpatient surgery show signs of complications and need to be admitted for ongoing care. You will probably still have an intravenous IV catheter in your arm, a finger device that measures oxygen levels in your blood, and a dressing on your surgical site. Depending on the type of surgery you had, you may also have a breathing apparatus, a heartbeat monitor, and a tube in your mouth, nose, or bladder. The hospital staff will continue to monitor your vital signs. They may also give you pain relievers or other medications through your IV, by injection, or orally. Depending on your condition, they may ask you to get up and walk around. You may need assistance to do this. Moving will help decrease your chances of developing blood clots. It can also help you maintain your muscle strength. You may be asked to do deep breathing exercises or forced coughing to prevent respiratory complications. Remember to ask for discharge instructions before you leave. Take medications as prescribed, watch out for potential complications, and keep your follow-up appointments. Start to resume normal activities as soon as you safely can. In some cases, you may not be able to care for yourself for a while after your surgery. You may need a caregiver to help tend your wounds, prepare food, keep you clean, and support you while you move around. Contact your doctor if you develop a fever, increased pain, or bleeding at the surgical site. The takeaway Appropriate follow-up care can help reduce your risk of complications after surgery and support your recovery process. Ask your doctor for instructions before you have your surgery and check for updates before you leave the hospital. With a little planning and proactive care, you can help make your recovery as smooth as possible.

Chapter 5 : Care of the Surgical Patient

Surgery encompasses all elements in the scientific care of surgical patients. The operation is the focal point for these patients. It is imperative that the patient.

Javed Ansari Associate Professor Introduction: Introduction Surgery is the use of instruments during an operation to treat injuries, diseases, and deformities. Surgery is the special branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of injury, deformity, and disease by manual and instrumental means. This complex procedure is aimed at helping patients to recover from their ailments and injuries. Different types of surgery can be done to provide relief. Ectomy â€" Removal by cutting Orrhaphy â€" Suture of or repair Oscopy â€" Looking into Ostomy â€" Formation of a permanent artificial opening Otomy â€" Incision or cutting into Plasty â€" Formation or repair Surgery is classified as major or minor based on the degree of risk for the patient. Minor surgery is brief, carries a low risk, and results in few complications. It may be performed in an OPD, same-day surgery setting, or in the operating suite of a hospital. Major surgery requires hospitalization, is usually prolonged, carries a higher degree of risk, involves major body organs or life-threatening situations, and has the potential of postoperative complications. Determine origin of presenting symptoms and extent of a disease process e. Operations that require immediate admission to hospital, usually through the accident and emergency department. They are usually performed within 24 hrs, and may be done immediately or during the night for serious or life-threatening conditions. Reconstruction of an injured, damaged, or deformed part of the body takes place. Surgery that is scheduled in advance because it does not involve a medical emergency. Repair a congenitally malformed organ or tissue. Repair or remove a diseased organ or restore normal physiologic functioning e. Correct a disease process or improve cosmetic appearance e. Done to improve the appearance of the patient. Decrease the spread of the disease process to prolong life or to alleviate pain e. Remove diseased tissue or organ and replace with functioning tissue or organ e. Surgical intervention is a common treatment for injury, disease, or disorder. The surgeon intervenes in the disease process by repairing, removing, or replacing body tissues or organs. Surgery is invasive because an incision is made into the body or a part of the body is removed. Perioperative patient care is a variety of nursing activities carried out before, during, and after surgery. The perioperative period has three phases: The three perioperative phases are designated by time intervals, interventions, and settings, using the word roots of preâ€"before; intraâ€"during, and postâ€"after. Each of the perioperative surgical phases has a defined time frame in which specific events related to surgery occur. Preoperative Phase The preoperative phase begins with the decision that surgical intervention is necessary and ends when the patient is transferred to the operating room table. For some patients, the preoperative period may last for months, during which testing and other procedures may be done. For an emergency, such as an appendectomy, the preoperative period may last only a few hours. Intraoperative Phase The intraoperative phase is the period during which the patient is undergoing surgery in the operating room. It ends when the patient is transferred to the post-anesthesia recovery room. During this period the patient is monitored , anesthetized, prepped, and draped, and the operation is performed. It includes both physical and psychological preparation. Patients are admitted to the health care facility for surgical intervention from a variety of situations and in various physical conditions. Preoperative care involves many components, and may be done the day before surgery in the hospital, or during the weeks before surgery on an outpatient basis. Many surgical procedures are now performed in a day surgery setting, and the patient is never admitted to the hospital. During this phase, emphasis is placed on: Assessing and correcting physiological and psychological problems that may increase risk. Giving complete learning and teaching guidelines regarding the surgery. Instructing and demonstrating exercises that will benefit the patient postoperatively d. Planning for discharge and any projected changes in lifestyle due to the surgery Physical Preparation: The patient should inform the physician and hospital staff if he or she has ever had an adverse reaction to anesthesia such as anaphylactic shock , or if there is a family history of malignant hyperthermia. Laboratory tests may include complete blood count , electrolytes, prothrombin time, activated partial thromboplastin time, and urinalysis. Patient should provide a list of all medications, vitamins, and herbal or food supplements that he or she uses.

Bowel clearance may be ordered if the patient is having surgery of the lower GI tract. The patient should start the bowel preparation early evening before surgery to prevent interrupted sleep during night. Some patients may benefit from a sleeping pill night before surgery. The night before surgery, skin preparation is often ordered, which can take the form of scrubbing with a special soap i. Psychological Preparation Patients are often fearful or anxious about having surgery. It is often helpful for them to express their concerns to health care workers. This can be especially beneficial for patients who are critically ill, or who are having a high-risk procedure. The family needs to be included in psychological preoperative care. Pastoral care is usually offered in the hospital. If the patient has a fear of dying during surgery, this concern should be expressed, and the surgeon notified. In some cases, the procedure may be postponed until the patient feels more secure. Preoperative Teaching Preoperative teaching includes instruction about the preoperative period. The day before the surgery, explain to the patient how to prepare. Explain that the patient must not eat or drink for hours before the surgery. Ask the patient to bathe in the morning, remove all jewellery, makeup, eyeglasses, dentures, etc. Explain to the patient how the operating theatre and recovery room are set up. Tell him or her that staff members will be wearing surgical scrubs and masks. Tell the patient that after surgery, he or she will go to the recovery room for close monitoring. Instruction about expected activities can also increase compliance and help prevent complications. Teach the patient to do coughing and deep breathing exercises. Preoperative instruction should include information about the pain management method that they will utilize postoperatively. Immediately Before Surgery Patients should empty their bladder before surgery. They should take out false teeth, hairpins and clips, and take off glasses, rings, nail polish, lipstick, etc. The patient may be given a narcotic before the surgery and atropine to dry the secretions of the mouth. Sometimes a tranquillizer is also given. Wash the skin around the site of the incision and clean it with an antimicrobial agent. Usually an intravenous line with saline solution is started before surgery. Prepare the family for the surgery. Intraoperative care is patient care during an operation and ancillary to that operation. The intraoperative time period can vary greatly from less than one hour to 12 hours or more, depending on the complexity of the surgery being performed. Anesthesia Anesthesia is a state of narcosis severe CNS depression produced by pharmacologic agents , used to produce unconsciousness, analgesia, muscle relaxation and reflex loss during surgical procedure. Anesthesia involves the use of medicines to block pain sensations analgesia during surgery and other medical procedures. There are various forms of anesthesia. The type of anesthesia will depend on the type of surgery and medical condition. The different types of anesthesia include the following: Local Nerve Infiltration D. This includes care given during the immediate postoperative period, both in the operating room and post anesthesia care unit PACU , as well as during the days following surgery. The goals of postoperative care: T he goals of postoperative care Promoting respiratory function Promoting cardiovascular function Promoting renal function Promoting nutrition and elimination Promoting fluid and electrolyte balance Promoting wound healing Encouraging rest and comfort Encouraging movement and ambulation Preventing postoperative complications such as infection Care for the Patient after Surgery: Carefully watch the amount of fluid the patient takes in and the fluid output. Recheck the flow rate and operation of the IV line every hour. How to Help the Surgical Patient to Recover Control post-operative pain Make sure fluid intake is adequate Check urinary output Turn and exercise the patient Encourage coughing and deep breathing Provide an adequate diet Check bowel function Complications After Surgery: Complications After Surgery 1. Pneumonia and collapse of the small air sacs alveoli in the lung called atelectasis 2. Use sterile technique and sterile dressings if possible. Use sterile technique and sterile instruments to remove sutures. Look carefully at the sutures you have removed to make sure all suture material has come out. Suture material left in the wound can cause an infection.

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Before the patient can leave the PACU, they need to score at least 9 points using the Aldrete Score this is a way to systematically determine a patient's readiness for a less intensive level of care (such as going from PACU out to the Surgical Floor).

Global engagement for the care of the surgical patient ACS: It is the premier surgical organization in the worldâ€”a recognized leader with respect to surgical education, with its mission to ensure access to quality surgical care and to develop trauma systems and educational programming worldwide. Over the years, approximately surgeons from 70 countries have received this scholarship and have benefited from this program. Examples are as follows: This scholarship is awarded to surgeons in acute care surgery, trauma, and emergency general surgery in countries other than the U. Preference is given to applicants from developing nations. This scholarship is awarded to breast cancer surgeons in countries other than the U. Preference is given to applicants from developing countries. Community Surgeons Travel Awards: This award supports community surgeons in countries outside the U. Further educational opportunities for international surgeons The ACS Division of Education and the International Relations Committee provide two international scholarships focused on surgical education. These awards are for young faculty members from countries other than the U. Since its inception, ATLS for health care professionals has spread to more than 60 countries. OGB grew out of an interest in surgical volunteerism expressed both by the ACS Board of Governors Committee on Socioeconomic Issues and by the membership-at-large as represented in a study spanning from to Over the years, thousands of volunteers have been placed to provide much-needed care to underserved populations. The resolution, which includes surgery as an essential component of universal health care, was accepted and signed by all participating countries with the understanding that more than 5 billion people lack access to basic surgical care and that the major deficit is a shortage of surgical workforce. Following a retreat on global engagement in , the ACS Board of Regents the highest governing body of the College provided strategic direction for the ACS leadership to engage directly in the training of surgical workforce in low- and middle-income countries LMICs. ACS OGB, in addition to improving existing services, is actively working to develop programs to implement this strategic direction. Developing partnerships with surgical colleges and societies in LMICs based on mutual benefits and shared goals is our guiding principle. From Operating Room to Boardroom Course is a recognized national program. The East and Central African Journal of Surgery is developing a twinning partnership with the Journal of the American College of Surgeons to improve its standing in quality as reflected in impact factor and PubMed indexing. The goal is for this site to serve as a training hub with local and regional impact that will encourage improved innovation, clinical research, and patient care. The pilot project for this initiative will be implemented by fall As we celebrate the passage of the third anniversary of the WHA Resolution Wren, Ohwofiemu Nwariaku, Dr. Tefera, and Benedict Nwomeh. References American College of Surgeons. History of the American College of Surgeons. Accessed on March 25, American College of Surgeons. Scholarships for international surgeons. Accessed March 26, Accessed March 27,

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Specific nursing care related to the patient for orthopedic surgery that begins in the postanesthesia care unit (PACU) includes positioning, neurovascular assessment, care of immobilization devices, wound care, range-of-motion exercises, and observation for complications.

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Nursing care continues until the patient completely recovers from anesthesia and surgery and is ready to resume activities of daily living. Focus of Nursing Care in the Immediate Postoperative Period -Maintaining ventilation and

circulation.

Chapter 9 : Nursing care of the surgical patient - Straight A Nursing

PREOPERATIVE CARE Preoperative care is the preparation and management of a patient prior to surgery. It includes both physical and psychological preparation. Patients are admitted to the health care facility for surgical intervention from a variety of situations and in various physical conditions.