

CICU Practitioners Nottingham City Hospital

Quotes

- ‘It’s not going to work and you’re going to kill patients’
- ‘If you ruptured my father’s subclavian I’d sue the **** off you’

Background

- Audit of call out of Doctors by Nursing Staff on CICU
- Successful Working Time Directive/DOH Bid
 - ◆ 3 Grade H Practitioners appointed March 2003
 - ◆ Operational from September 2003
 - ◆ Original aim to implement Full Shift System
 - ◆ 1 moved on to pastures new – 3 others appointed September 2004

Transition from nurse to CICU Practitioner...

- Competency based framework
- Formalised training plan
- Lectures/teaching sessions
- Courses
 - ◆ Nurse prescribing
 - ◆ CRISP (Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient)
 - ◆ ALS

So what do we do?....

- Assess patients and formulate a daily plan-ensuring that it is documented in the notes
- Make clinical decisions based on the current situation
- Cover the unit in the absence of a Registrar
- Work as part of the MDT
- Order and interpret x-rays
- Order investigations and review results

What do we do? (continued)

- Prescribe -as supplementary prescribers- adhering to a Clinical Management Plan
- Insert cannula, fine bore tubes, arterial lines central lines, vascaths, remove IABP and intubate in emergencies
- Audit
- Teach – formally and informally

Next Step.....?

- 24/7 cover – ?1 further practitioner (or maybe even 2!) to be recruited in order to make team up to 6
- Formal qualification ?MSc
- Publish
- Develop other practical skills and maintain competent in performing present ones
- Clinics

Quotes Revisited

- My response to the second quote?

‘If you ruptured my father’s subclavian I’d sue the **** off you’

DOCTOR

A hand is holding a large, dark, semi-transparent rectangular object, possibly a tablet or a piece of equipment, in front of a blurred background. The background shows two people, likely healthcare professionals, in a clinical setting. The text "ANY QUESTIONS?" is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

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QUESTIONS?

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