COMMON DESIGNATION PITFALLS

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THANKS, DIANE!

- Make sure you review the information provided by Diane Yetter-Canedy during the Trauma Nurse Coordinator Connect on June 28th!
- Contact me if you don’t have a copy of Diane’s presentation 😊
8 COMMON PITFALLS
#1: INCOMPLETE PRQ

- There is a new version available—questions should be more clear
- Answer each question
  - Look for “have available” comments, and be sure these things are available (example: PI filters)
#2: UNDERTRIAGE

- Carefully consider the “numbers” section of your PRQ… does your activation category match your admissions/transfers for traumatic injury?
- If not, what accounts for the difference?
  - Example: Transfer 65 patients, but only report 3 trauma activations
- Are you reviewing injury admissions/transfers for appropriate activation?
- Cribari Matrix:
#3: PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT--PLAN

- Make it clear!
  - Explain how a chart goes all the way through the PI process
    - Include PI filters
    - Who can “close” out a chart
  - Include your trauma meetings
    - Who attends the meeting
    - Is it part of another meeting
    - What is discussed at each

- Example plans are available—ask your lead hospital or Diane Schoch
#4: PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT: THE LOOP

- Be able to explain exactly how a loop is closed for PI
- Have an example of loop closure with documentation
  - Pro tip: pick some of your chart review selections to include loop closure
- How are issues tracked?
- Do you report on loop closure at your multidisciplinary meetings?
#5: THE REGISTRY

- Required to be up to date!
- You must use it:...
  - Know how to run at least a few reports
  - Use it to drive your PI program (ie look for patterns, etc)
  - Use it to drive your injury prevention program
#6: THE ED

- Go through the equipment checklist and make sure all items are there (and check again the day of the review)

- POST ACTIVATION CRITERIA!
#7: EDUCATION

- ATLS not current for physicians and APCs

- RN Education:
  - TNCC
  - 2 hours pediatric
  - 6 hours adult

- Any trauma related education that includes CE’s will count

- Make sure you have a schedule for conferences that are not expressly about trauma or if using for pediatric hours
  - Example: many Emergency Conferences have some hours for trauma, but unlikely all include trauma
Staff missing hours? Try these ideas:

- Members of ENA or STN can get free CE’s from the organization websites and webinars
- Grand Rounds—check the state website for upcoming education. Several places have free CE’s available via telehealth or webinar
- American Trauma Society (ATS) website
- Facility purchased programs (ie CE Direct, Elsevier, etc)
- Call your regional lead hospitals and request some kind of education
  - RTTDC books purchased by the state, instructors are usually free
#8: GETTING INVOLVED

- State or Regional involvement is required
- Attend a trauma board meeting (either state or regional)
- Get involved in committees/special interest groups
  - This meeting is a good example
  - Designation committee
  - Data committee