

A simpler solution preventing an avoidable harm in obstetrics – an audit into SBAR handover- are we doing it right ?

PURPOSE

The audit was aimed at identifying the communication gap and the adherence to the handover policies before all emergency obstetric procedures.

STANDARD

All the emergency obstetric procedures must be preceded by appropriate and documented SBAR handover.

METHOD:

A prospective, single centre study was conducted at Darlington memorial hospital for a period of 15 days.

RESULTS:

It was noted that only in about 18/40 cases there was a documented SBAR handover.

CONCLUSION

A safer handover ensures an essential safety netting in preventing avoidable harm. Hence a hand over label was introduced incorporating necessary details which would essentially minimise the risk of missing information transmission. A standardised handover format adapted to each speciality would warrant patient safety.

○ Anaesthetic Communication Tool

○ Indication for Anaesthetic referral:

○ Risk factors/Concerns:

○ Observations : TEMP PR BP

○ Medications:

○ BMI:

○ Allergies:

○ FBC Group/Save XMatched

○ Any other investigations: