Purpose

• Providing and maintaining nursing competency for the care of the transplant patient is necessary from both an education and regulatory perspective

Method

• Clinicians from each specialized area were given the task of developing a learning module
• This module had to be appropriate for all levels of nurses (novice to expert)
• Users were required to pass a test in order to document competency

Results

• A retrospective review of computerized results between 5/1/09 - 4/30/10 showed a total of 780 nurses completed the course 1,021 times
• These individuals attempted the course 1,782 times, meaning that some users failed and needed to repeat the test

Conclusion

• Because of requirements by federal accreditors (The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services), nurses who care for transplant patients must maintain baseline and routine competency
• Through this computerized Learning Management System (LMS) program, we found an opportunity to improve both competency documentation and education for nursing staff
• This competency is reviewed and updated annually

Module Topics | Objectives
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Regulatory Requirements | 1. Define the purpose of the Pediatric Transplant Center.
Donor Confidentiality | 2. Identify resources when caring for the organ transplant patient.
Types & Indications for Transplant | 3. List the types of organ transplant performed.
Basic Immunosuppression | 4. Describe the complications associated with organ transplants.
Nursing Considerations | Resources
Complications | ""