Improving the Quality of Resuscitations in the Pediatric Critical Care Unit Using Video Recordings

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I will give a balanced presentation using the best available evidence to support my conclusions and recommendations.

I do intend to discuss an unapproved/investigative use of a commercial product/device (Go Pro Hero-8) in my presentation.
• Patient outcomes following cardiac and respiratory arrest are optimized when team communication, leadership and technical skills are at peak performance.

• Pediatric literature shows an association between the use of video review techniques and improvement in:
  • Leadership and communication (Fernandez R, Rogers, SC)
  • Identification of management errors (Oakley, E)
  • Adherence to guidelines (Carbine, DN)

• At SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital (CGCH), video recordings have been demonstrated to be an effective feedback tool during:
  • Neonatal delivery room resuscitation
  • Emergency room: pediatric trauma and medical patient resuscitation
Purpose

- Little data has been published on the use of video recording reviews to improve the care provided in the pediatric critical care unit (PICU).
- The PICU is the site of 1/3 of our hospital’s resuscitation events.
- Evaluating resuscitations in the PICU at CGCH has been carried out with:
  - Performing hot and cold debriefs
  - Retrospective review of code documentation and recorded vital signs
  - SpaceLabs central monitoring waveform data review
  - CPR metric reports from Zoll defibrillators
- With this pilot project, we plan to evaluate the use of video recordings for review of resuscitations in the PICU.
1. Assess the use of portable video cameras to capture resuscitation events to better inform the structured review process for quality improvement.

2. Identify systemic problems and demonstrate improvement in the quality of resuscitation specific to the PICU.
Design

- 6 GoPro Hero-8 cameras were mounted in 6 of the 18 patient rooms
  - Each with a memory card and battery
Methods

1. Code Blue called (internal to PICU)
2. The unit charge nurse presses the red button on the camera to power on the camera and start the recording
3. At the end of the event, the charge nurse presses the red button to end the recording and power down the device
4. The charge nurse removes the memory card and battery from the camera and replaces it with a new memory card and charged battery
5. The video is saved to an external hard drive and placed in a secured location and the memory card is erased
6. Within one week, the video is reviewed by the PICU event review team and then deleted
7. This information is stored in a safe place for staff privacy
Methods

• The video is reviewed for the following data:
  • Presence or absence of:
    • Code leader
    • Closed loop communication
    • Excess noise affecting resuscitation
  • Timing of:
    • Placement of the backboard
    • Placement of the Zoll defibrillator pads
    • Administration of first dose of epinephrine
  • Any other identified problem
Results

• January 1, 2022- September 3, 2022
  • 8 resuscitation events were captured on video recordings.
    • 7 patients were post-operative cardiac patients
      • 1 of the event captured but unable to review due to technological issues
    • 1 medical patient
  • 14 resuscitations occurred in patient rooms without cameras mounted.
# Results

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**Data from Hot Debrief**

**Data from Video Review**
Discussion

- These cameras provide useful data in the PICU during resuscitations.
- There have been many challenges:
  - Events preceding arrest not captured
  - First few minutes of each event not captured
  - Multiple arrests occurred in rooms without cameras
  - Technologic issues occurred: battery issues, recording speed altered
  - Unable to see the monitors clearly
Conclusion

- This pilot study shows that the use of cameras improves assessment of the resuscitation process in the PICU

- Next steps:
  - Investigate automated recording systems
  - Camera installation in all patient rooms
  - Use the trends identified to improve future resuscitations and the review process
References

For more information on this subject, see the following publications:


