

Incorporation of Legal Consequences of Documentation into Simulation Laboratory Experience

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Background

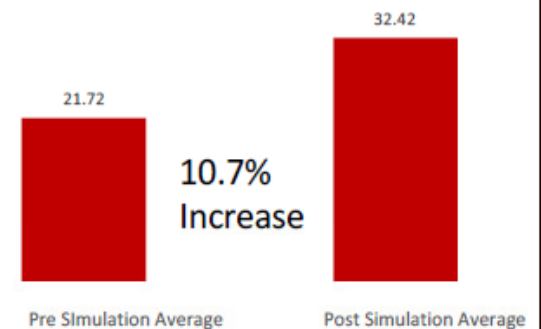
Students do not always understand the significance or importance of documentation to their nursing practice. To increase student nurse awareness to the implications of their practice, the legal process has been incorporated into the simulation laboratory experience.

Scenario

Select students were served subpoenas based on charting from a simulation from 6 weeks prior. The "patient" is now suing due to a pressure ulcer that was present during that scenario. The students who were selected did not document the findings.

Results

Average of Cells Documented in EHR



Method

- IRB Approval
- 24 Students Volunteered for the Study
- Simulated EHR was utilized
 - Pre and Post Sim documentation analyzed for number of fields with entries
 - Average number of fields pre and 3 weeks post sim was analyzed
- Followed up with post sim survey

Student Comments

"I felt that this simulation made me understand how important documentation is. What should be put in it and what not. Also if you are on the stand answer just that question don't continue on with your opinion or more statements"

"I knew I did provide wound care, but because I did not chart it, it appeared as though it didn't happen."

"Even though I experienced a lot of negative emotions, it was an invaluable experience that I am always going to remember."



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