

COLLABORATION TO ACHIEVE INNOVATION

INTRODUCTION

Interprofessional collaboration (IPC) in a hospital setting share similar principles in many domains. Visibility is one value a hospital librarian gains from collaboration but there are many others. Librarians will have the opportunity to serve larger groups, achieve more than they would working individually, and become a member of new initiatives created in hospital settings.

Encouraging clinical staff members to use the health resource center library during nurse research rounds increased reference questions. Additionally during rounds a registered nurse (RN) with a quality improvement question shared her concerns in the pediatric unit.

Alarming, the unit saw a rise in pediatric diabetes admissions. The RN's quality improvement concern during nurse research round led to hospital innovation.



Pictured: Mary Hoey and Wanda Thomas



METHODS

VISIBILITY

The research rounding service is a first of its kind offered at Navicent Health, a Magnet® acute healthcare facility . On a weekly basis, for 1 to 2 hours, the nurse researcher and clinical reference librarian randomly visits nursing units throughout the hospital. Pediatric diabetes patient admissions were on the rise in the PICU.



ACHIEVEMENT

Hospital librarian's role in collaboration starts with an opportunity to share ideas and information. Providing reputable information to the team ensures the most current evidence was included in decision-making. Break away sessions during the initial phases gives each member the opportunity to talk about their own job responsibilities.



RESULTS

KNOWLEDGE

- Member of institution's research committee
- Evidence Based Practice Academy
- Opportunity for non-traditional tasks and services for librarians to demonstrate broader roles in a hospital setting.
 - Market library resources
 - Serve as panelist to share viewpoint as a caregiver
- Remain visible throughout the healthcare system.



DISCUSSION

Remaining visible outside of the library space is the perfect way to market library resources to every department on the collaboration team. Because visibility is the key to marketing library resources, hospital librarians should take opportunity to join research teams. Potential prospect for new hospital librarians to collaborate with research team provides valuable outreach opportunities. This collaborative effort is the gateway for introduction to the institution's interdisciplinary staff. Collaborating shared effective expertise and ideas to facilitate a change in care management for pediatric diabetes patients. Working together to provide community education about a complex issue such as pediatric diabetes meticulous was the common goal.

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