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2007 Berman Project Disseminating Best Practice Nursing Care

Columbus Regional Hospital's Challenge

A recent study by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the Association of Nurse Executives (AONE) proved that when nurses are empowered to recognize patient care improvement opportunities, identify best-practice solutions, and then rapidly deploy them at the bedside, patients receive better nursing care. CRH's challenge was to rapidly adopt and disseminate the learning from this RWJF/AONE study to improve nursing care.

Solution

In 2007, Columbus Regional Hospital was among only 60 hospitals nationwide chosen by RWJF/AONE to participate in a project to help determine the best way for hospitals to adopt the learning from the study.

How Berman Funds Were Used

Columbus Regional Hospital staff nurses and nursing administrators, on one nursing unit, made up the project team. Berman Funds underwrote expenses for the team to participate in this two-year, national project.

Outcomes to Date

The project resulted in measurably improved nursing care by increasing the time CRH nurses now spend with patients rather than on documentation, wasted time, and other activities that do not add value to the patient care experience.

What's Next?

The team project ends in 2009. Successful practices from the unit team have been adopted hospital-wide at CRH. Work continues in order to speed medication delivery to inpatients.