Sustaining Evidence-Based Practice: Clustered Assignments – A New Care Delivery Model
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Summary: This presentation explored one institution's development of an updated care delivery model using budgeted allocated resources to optimize patient safety, patient satisfaction, and staff engagement.

Nursing Implications:
• Creating a clustered assignment workflow for nurses that is geographically centric will improve patient outcomes, increase staff engagement, and can impact patient satisfaction.
• Nurses working a geographic area are closer to patients to prevent falls and increase responsiveness.

Key Takeaways:
• Involving staff nurse participation in the identification, planning, education, and implementation of an EBP project increases nurse engagement.
• Involving all stakeholders (Nurse Manager, Assistant Nurse Manager, CNS, RN, PCA and Unit Clerk) in an EBP workgroup will promote staff engagement and facilitate a successful project.
• Fall rates decrease when nursing assignments are geographically clustered to decrease the area that a nurse needs to travel while providing patient care.
• Developing a plan for EBP will help in sustaining the practice change in the ever-changing healthcare landscape.

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