Cardiac Procedures and Interventions
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Summary: Being familiar with patient care after common cardiac procedures is essential in the acute care setting and beyond. Learn about current trends in caring for post procedural cardiac patients. Included is bonus content on the trending topic of infective endocarditis.

Nursing Implications:
• Continuous cardiac monitoring is still the recommended post cardiac procedure.
• Proper post procedural site management can prevent life-threatening complications.
• There are significant differences in the post procedure care of patients who have radial artery access versus femoral artery access.
• Nursing assessment plays a key role in identifying patients with infective endocarditis.

Key Takeaways:
• Any hospitalized patient can have cardiac complications during the course of their stay; understanding and assessing for these complications may positively affect outcomes.
• Nurses must understand what actually occurs during the procedure(s) in order to provide proper post-procedural care.
• Frequent assessments are essential within the first four hours after a cardiac procedure.
• The nurse is positioned to aid in early assessment of infective endocarditis which may affect patient outcomes.

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