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138 INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FEATURE
Surgical safety checklists briefings: Perceived efficacy and team member involvement
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The purpose of this study was to examine surgical circulator and scrub practitioners’ perceptions of safety checklist briefings and team member involvement, and to identify potential improvements in the process based on those perceptions. Questions focused on perceptions of checklist briefing efficacy and team member involvement in safety practices. Significant results were obtained related to leaders’ perceptions, post-procedure briefings and various perceptions of team member involvement. Study results indicate that variances in safety practices continue as perceived by surgical team members thus presenting opportunities for further examination and improvement of processes in reducing surgical errors.

145 INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL FEATURE
Nursing postoperative visit as a quality indicator for surgical patient care
R Silva, MM Martins and HG Jardim
The postoperative visit as a quality indicator for surgical patient care, demands some consideration from perioperative nurses. We evaluated the nursing perioperative interventions on postoperative visits, and adjusted them to the needs of the patients with postoperative pain. The results showed that the percentage of patients with postoperative visits needs to be improved. We aim to have high quality perioperative nursing interventions which raise levels of patient satisfaction.

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Consenting patients with femoral neck fractures – how well are we involving the patient’s relatives?
SA Qasim, A Oyekan, RPR Boyd, WKM Kieffer and P Panose
The consent process is a vital part of the in-patient journey for patients admitted with a fractured neck of femur. However, an aspect that is frequently over-looked is the involvement of a patient’s next of kin. We organised a pilot study in our institution to see what steps we could take to make improvements in the way that next of kin involvement was managed, in line with widespread national guidelines.

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