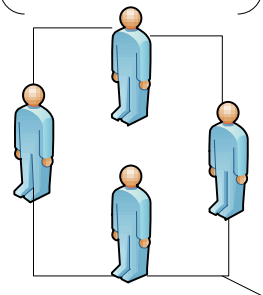
How to initiate the Coping With Labor Algorithm at your institution.

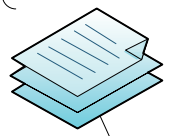
PLAN

1. Identify key administrators who can grant permission to implement the Coping With Labor Algorithm as the Labor and Delivery "pain" assessment tool. (Medical director, nurse manager, nursing administration)

2. Form a team and identify stakeholders (Don't forget IT and the EMR folks)



3. Key decision points:
   - policy revision
   - practice change
   - culture change
   - charting



4. Identify education strategies (Consider trainings at staff meeting, poster boards, required readings, on line trainings etc)

5. Identify project timeline

6. Audit Process Improvement. Assess pre and post (Consider staff and /or patient satisfaction)

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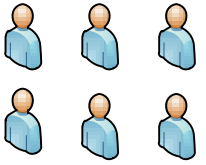
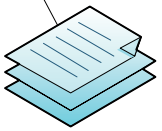


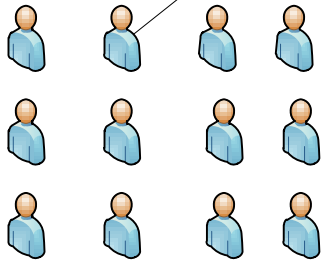
7. Try out the improvement process with a small pilot group

STUDY

8. Study the results.



9. Make modifications as needed.



10. Roll out modifications to larger pilot group - and continue this cycle until no further modifications are needed.

ACT

11. Monitor for continued improvement.

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