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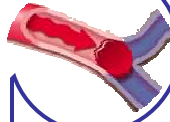
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PAIN MANAGEMENT FOR CHRONIC PAIN PATIENTS

Complex chronic pain patients need a post op pain care plan by the Acute Pain Service (APS). It must be prepared either preoperatively, or during the intra-operative period.



STENT THROMBOSIS AND PCI

Patient had percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) within the last 6 months? Discontinuing anti-platelet therapy (e.g. clopidogrel or ticlopidine) can increase risk of high-mortality stent thrombosis (esp. where drug-eluting stents are used).

- Consult UW interventional cardiologists (found via Paging or Cardiac Cath Lab, 598-4077) before discontinuing anti-platelet therapy for surgery.



FLIP PATIENTS SUPINE TO TREAT A CARDIAC ARREST

It's usually fruitless to attempt to treat a cardiac arrest while the patient is prone.

- If your arresting patient is prone, cover the wound and attempt to turn the patient supine before continuing with standard resuscitative techniques.



AICD'S ARE ALLOWED FOR PAVILION PATIENTS

Having an automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator (AICD) does not automatically disqualify a patient from undergoing surgery in the Pavilion.

- Call the EP lab to have the AICD turned off for the procedure in the Pavilion.



LABEL YOUR MEDICATIONS

- Label intraop syringes and pump lines with the drug names that are being given. This helps teams filling in for breaks and after shift changes.
- All drugs, drips and infusions accompanying a patient out of an OR must be labeled with the patient's name & ID number, the drug name and the drug concentration.
- All blood & blood products accompanying a patient out of an OR must be labeled with the patient's name and ID number.



NURSING CAN GIVE SOME PRE-OP MEDS

- Pre-op nursing will give pre-op meds, except those that are timed (e.g. antibiotics, factor 8 ordered to be given 20 min prior to procedure, etc.).
- If anesthesia provider wants timed meds to be given by nursing, be very specific as to when to start them.