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To provide the learner with knowledge of AORN's guidelines related to caring for patients with tattoos undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedures; reducing slips, trips, and falls caused by electrical cords on the procedure room floor; classifying surgical limb amputation wounds; preventing postoperative pressure alopecia; and using prophylactic dressings to prevent pressure injury.

Objectives

1. Discuss practices that could jeopardize safety in the perioperative area.
2. Discuss common areas of concern that relate to perioperative best practices.
3. Describe implementation of evidence-based practice in relation to perioperative nursing care.

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Caring for patients with tattoos undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedures

Key words: *magnetic resonance imaging, tattoos.*

Reducing slips, trips, and falls caused by electrical cords on the procedure room floor

Key words: *slips, trips, falls, electrical cords, equipment booms.*

Classifying surgical limb amputation wounds

Key words: *wound classification, documentation, amputation.*

Preventing postoperative pressure alopecia

Key words: *alopecia, occipital neuropathy, scalp massage.*

Using prophylactic dressings to prevent pressure injury

Key words: *prophylactic dressings, silicone foam dressings, sacral dressings, heel dressings, pressure injury.*

Caring for patients with tattoos undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedures

QUESTION:

One of my colleagues says that patients with tattoos should not undergo MRI procedures. Is this true? Are there special precautions that should be taken in the MRI environment for these patients?

ANSWER:

The presence of a tattoo that contains metal can increase the patient's risk of a burn injury if MRI will be used during the procedure; however, it does not preclude them from undergoing MRI.^{1,2} Tattoos with the greatest potential for causing

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