

# The Allergy Attention Alert

Lai F.W., Kim M., Leong A.F.W.

Perioperative Nursing

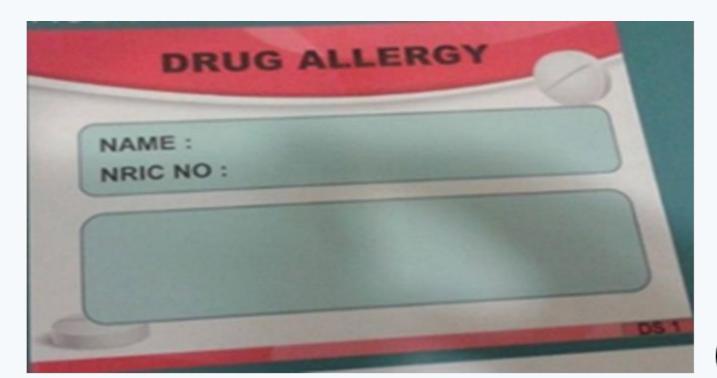


## **BACKGROUND**

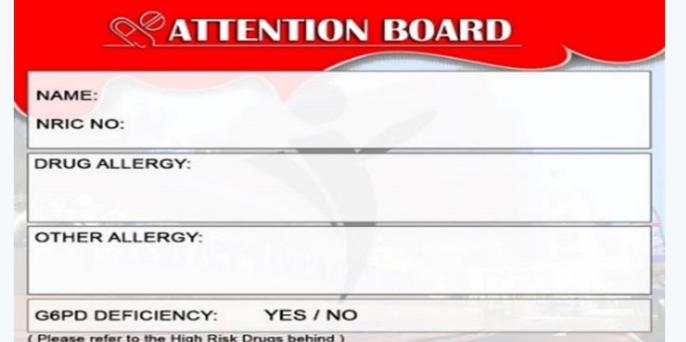
The project was carried out in Day Surgery Centre (DSC). The team aimed to improve and enhance patient safety via the allergy alert system in the department. The targeted patient group is the patients from DSC.

#### **METHOD**

The team drafted few prototypes. The chosen design of the new attention board is able to accommodate more allergy specifications, The back page consist of updated information on the management of G6PD. All staff were communicated of the change. Feedback was obtained via roll call. The use of new attention board was instructed to all staffs.



(As Is - Front Page)



(To Be - Front Page)

DRUGS TO AVOID IN G6PD DEFICIENCY\*

DEFINITE RISK OF HARMOLYSIS
DRUG

Nitrofurans
- Nitrofurantoin

Antibiotics

Antibiotics

Antibiotics

DRUG

Chloramphenicol
Sulfonamides
- Co-Trimoxazole
- Sulfa-methoxazole
- Sulfa-methoxazole

Anti-mycobacterial
Dapsone

Diagnostic Agent

Methylene Blue

Endocrine-Metabolic Agent

Rasburicase

DEFINITE RISK — In MOST G6PD cases. POSSBLE RISK — In SOME G6PD cases. The anti-malar ails are acceptable in acute malaria.

References include Drug information Handbook (DiR) 21st Edition, British National Formulary Service (AHS) 2007, Micromedex, Pubmed and Medicage webstes:

"This list is not exhaustive. If you have any queries p leaser refer to a pharmaxist or call Drug information a text. 2629

With Reference from: http://kothpitryanet-healthpray.com.as/Departments/Pharmacy/Department/ Departments/Pharmacy/Departments/Pharmac

(To be - Back Page)

- 1. Design
  Attention
  Board
- Team brainstorm a few prototype designs
- Presented during department roll call
- Voting method
- 2. Trial in Operating Room
- Used on patients with any allergies or health alert
- Located next to the swab count chart
- 3. Obtain Feedback
- Obtain feedback from surgical team
- Review design
- Update pharmaceutical information

## **RESULTS**

Overall feedback from the surgical team is encouraging. The most popular design is adopted, printed and used in the operating rooms (OR) during surgical procedures. Information that was made readily available on the chart could aid them during emergencies. The new board enabled the staff to write down other allergies intuitively.

### **IMPACT**

Critical information is broadcast in an operating theatre context as it can be readily viewed by the whole surgical team at the most prominent location. In the long run, safety checks become a habit.



## SUSTAINABILITY

The attention board will be incorporated into the daily workflow and mandated as standard work instruction in DSC. It will be part of the monthly audit criteria as an official tool in the visual notification of health alerts in the OR environment.

### CONCLUSION

The new attention board is an **effective** and **reliable** method to broadcast allergy alerts in the Operating Room.