



HOW WILL MY ROLE CHANGE?

A snapshot into the new day-to-day role of a

PERIOPERATIVE NURSE



WHERE WE ARE NOW...



SAFER. BETTER. SMARTER.

Disjointed paper documents. Questions and documentation are repeated throughout the patient journey.

Documentation of the entire perioperative episode - from pre-op to PACU to discharge - is all in one place. The nurse can review other care providers' assessments and documentation right away.

Information can be difficult to locate in a paper chart – documents sometimes go missing, access to old charts after hours is challenging.

All information entered about the patient is accessible in real time to all care providers associated with that patient. No more searching for old charts to get past medical information.

Paper MARs or transfusion records can get lost throughout the patient's journey. MAR is not currently being shared throughout the hospital—different phases of care are documenting medications and blood transfusions in different places.

Safely administer medications and blood products using the shared, embedded eMAR and Transfusion Administration Record – all nurses are documenting medication administration and blood transfusions in the same place.

Nurses are receiving different orders from different sources currently – orders can sometimes be confusing or lost, and they are often difficult to read or decipher.

Physicians are required to enter their own orders directly into MEDITECH Expanse – can be viewed and verified by pharmacy and show up immediately for the nurse to safely administer and document administration.

When documenting vital signs quickly and frequently – nurses write information down on scraps of paper to ensure they keep track of the numbers. Physicians cannot easily view these notes unless near the patient.

With the new monitors interfacing into MEDITECH Expanse, nurses will not have to document vital signs – they will flow directly into the patient's chart to be viewed by the care team immediately. (Verification of the accuracy of vital signs still required.)