The Use of Restraint Mitts in the Intensive Care Unit; A Service Evaluation



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Dissertation Topic – Why?

Loss of dignity
Family distress
Nurse anguish
Frightening for all



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Literature review
Research
Audit
Service Evaluation



Research Question

In one District General Hospital what do ICU nurses know and practice in relation to restraint mitts?



What is Restraint?

'Intentional restriction of a person's voluntary movement or behaviour' (RCN 2008)

Restraint mitts – restraint or protection?

- restrict fine motor skills
- unable to grasp at lines/tubes
- limit possibility of self-harm



Other forms of Restraint

Medication (85.7%)

Hand holding Bed rails 'Presencing'





BACCN Position Statement on the use of Restraint

Facilitate best care

Not alternative for inadequate resources

Try other strategies first

Detailed MDT assessment

Develop protocol/guideline Continued assessment

Clear, concise documentation

Patient/family discussion

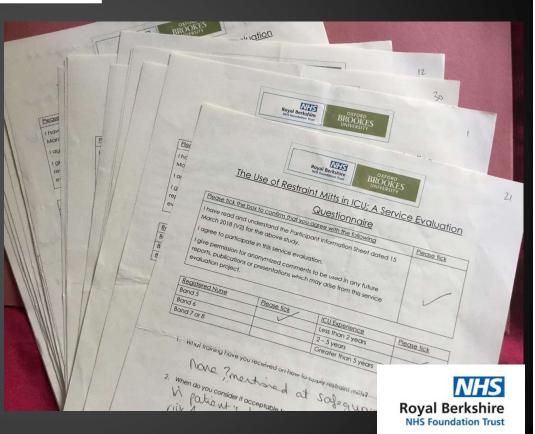
Education and training programmes

(Bray et al. 2004)



Nurse Questionnaire

April 2018
Piloted
Convenience sample
44% response rate
Posters
Return box
Permission gained



Questionnaire Summary

Good knowledge of:

Rationale for use

Assessments prior to/during use

Alternate strategies

Justifying use to patient/family



Adverse Events

Reported by 46% nurses (Band 7/8 70%)

Skin damage

Increased frustration/agitation

Psychological effects

Displaced arterial lines/cannula/NGT even when patient wearing restraint mitts



Training

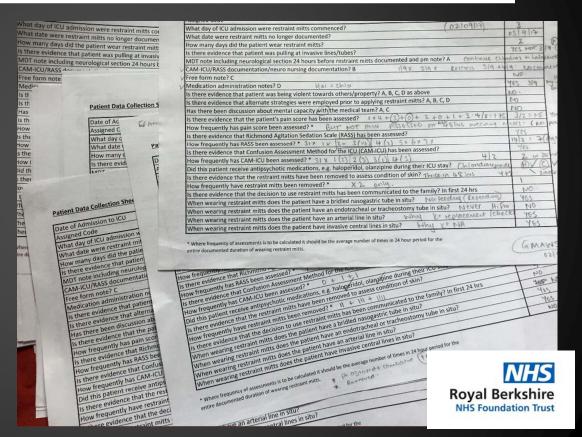
65% None 29% 'On the Job' 6% Formal





Retrospective Patient Data Collection

01/09/17 – 28/02/18
ICCA
IT Analyst
14 patients
> 2 hours



Patient Data Collection Summary

100% patients pulling at lines/tubes or exhibiting violent behaviour

100% pain score, RASS, skin checks

Good examples free form notes telling patient story

1 of 14 patients' families informed of rationale



Alternate Strategies

91% reassurance

50% distraction

44% look other causes of distress

However,

No explicit documentation that alternate strategies employed on ICCA



CAM-ICU

56% complete before use 53% complete during use

Compliance 71.4%
Based on 12 hourly assessment



Recommendations and Progress

Work with a patient leader

Explore mesh mitts/freedom sleeves

Guideline



Restraint rounding

Education/ training Leaflet for family

ICCA changes

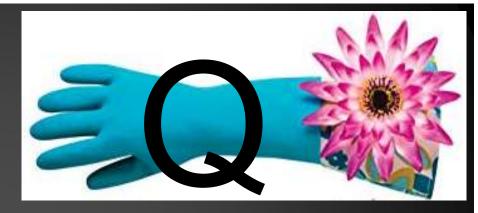
Re-audit

Jan 2020

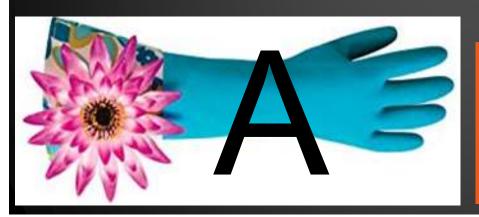
Repeat questionnaire Jan 2020



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This work uses data provided by patients and collected by the NHS as part of their care and support.

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