PRE-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

IN ELECTIVE HDU PATIENTS

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Background
In the last 12 years there has been a 40% rise in the number of admissions for surgery, with an estimated 2.5 million elective patients undergoing surgery per year. The Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Trust has a high number of patients undergoing major surgery and has seen a significant increase in the number of patients receiving preoperative education. This has led to the implementation of a preoperative education programme for all patients undergoing surgery. This has had a positive impact on both patient and staff satisfaction.

Where are we now?
We have had a series of meetings with staff and patients to discuss the provision of preoperative education. We have also held focus groups with patients to gain insights into their experience of preoperative education. We have also conducted patient surveys to gather feedback on the programme. We have found that patients who receive preoperative education are more prepared for surgery, have a better understanding of their condition, and are more satisfied with their experience.

Patient feedback
Patient feedback is vital for the success of our preoperative education programme. We have received positive feedback from patients who have participated in our programme. They have found it helpful and informative, and have appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with other patients. They have also found the programme to be a valuable resource in preparing for surgery.

Moving forward
We are looking to further develop our preoperative education programme to improve patient satisfaction and outcomes. We are investigating the potential for digital education programmes and are considering the use of virtual reality to enhance patient understanding of their condition. We are also exploring the possibility of a preoperative education programme for patients undergoing minor surgery.

We are also looking for feedback from patients on how to further improve our programme. We are interested in hearing from patients about their experiences of preoperative education and how it has helped them prepare for surgery. We are also interested in hearing from patients about their preferences for different types of preoperative education, such as in-person sessions or online tutorials.

We hope that this initiative will continue to improve patient outcomes and satisfaction. We are committed to providing the best possible care for our patients and we are confident that our preoperative education programme will continue to play a vital role in achieving this goal.