Parent presence during resuscitation

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Tell me about the experience....
“Need to get those parents out of the room”

- Healthcare provider perspective
- Parent perspective
  - Themes from research
  - Parents at UI CH
    - Video
    - Testimonials
- What to do?
  - Interdisciplinary work group
  - Parent rep
  - Review evidence
  - Develop standard
  - Staff education options
  - Implementation
Parent presence during resuscitation

• Philosophy of patient and family-centered pediatric care
Strong support for offering parent presence during resuscitation of children
Published guidelines and formal policies
At University of Iowa Children’s Hospital, we will offer parents the choice to be present during resuscitation of their child. It is important to realize that some parents will not desire to be present. We will support them in their decision to be present or not – without judgement.
Building from the UNDER ground up…
Work group development
Perceived barriers for offering parent presence during resuscitation

Physicians, nurses, anesthesiologists

- Research demonstrating resistance to allowing parent presence during resuscitation
University of Iowa Children’s Hospital staff

- Anesthesiology
- Pediatricians
- Nursing
Many studies documenting healthcare personnel perspective…
Parents perspective

What is the experience of parents during presence at their child’s resuscitation?
Introducing…Alisha Loy

- Video
- Mom of Tripp
- Advocate for kids
- Advocate for parents
What about parents – what is their perspective

• Research publications
• Specific to parents’ experience while present during their child’s resuscitation
Integrative review process
Results

Four major themes
Conflicting emotions
Alisha…

Video
More parent perspective...
Need for communication and support
Alisha

Video
Being physically present is comforting during the resuscitation. It helped parents to update family members and answer questions posed by other family members. This reduced the feeling of chaos and distress for parents who are generally used to being in the lead role for their children.
Alisha

Video
Parent perspective – would you recommend being present to another parent?
What if there is a poor outcome?
Constructing the new standard – getting there
Building from parents’ perspective
Support of parent presence

Guiding principles
Written standard of practice…

Structure
Definitions
Challenges and choices
Education plan
Family advocate role

What is needed to prepare staff
How will we gain buy in from those who continue to resist?
UI Children’s Hospital staff
Engaging the whole team
Getting closer
Final message
Thank you for attending

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