

Documentations of nursing activities and patient safety in the operation room - the significance of a study visit

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Introduction

This study concerns issues which implicate the documentation of nursing activities in the operating room (OR). The study is testing whether the use of a documentation tool strictly related to the nursing activities in the OR can improve patient safety. Among other evidenced based documentations tools, a tool developed by the association of perioperative registered nurses, AORN was selected. AORN has developed this IT based tool "Perioperative Nursing Dataset Syntegrity Framework" (PNDS) toward documentation of evidence based nursing activities in the OR.

Aim

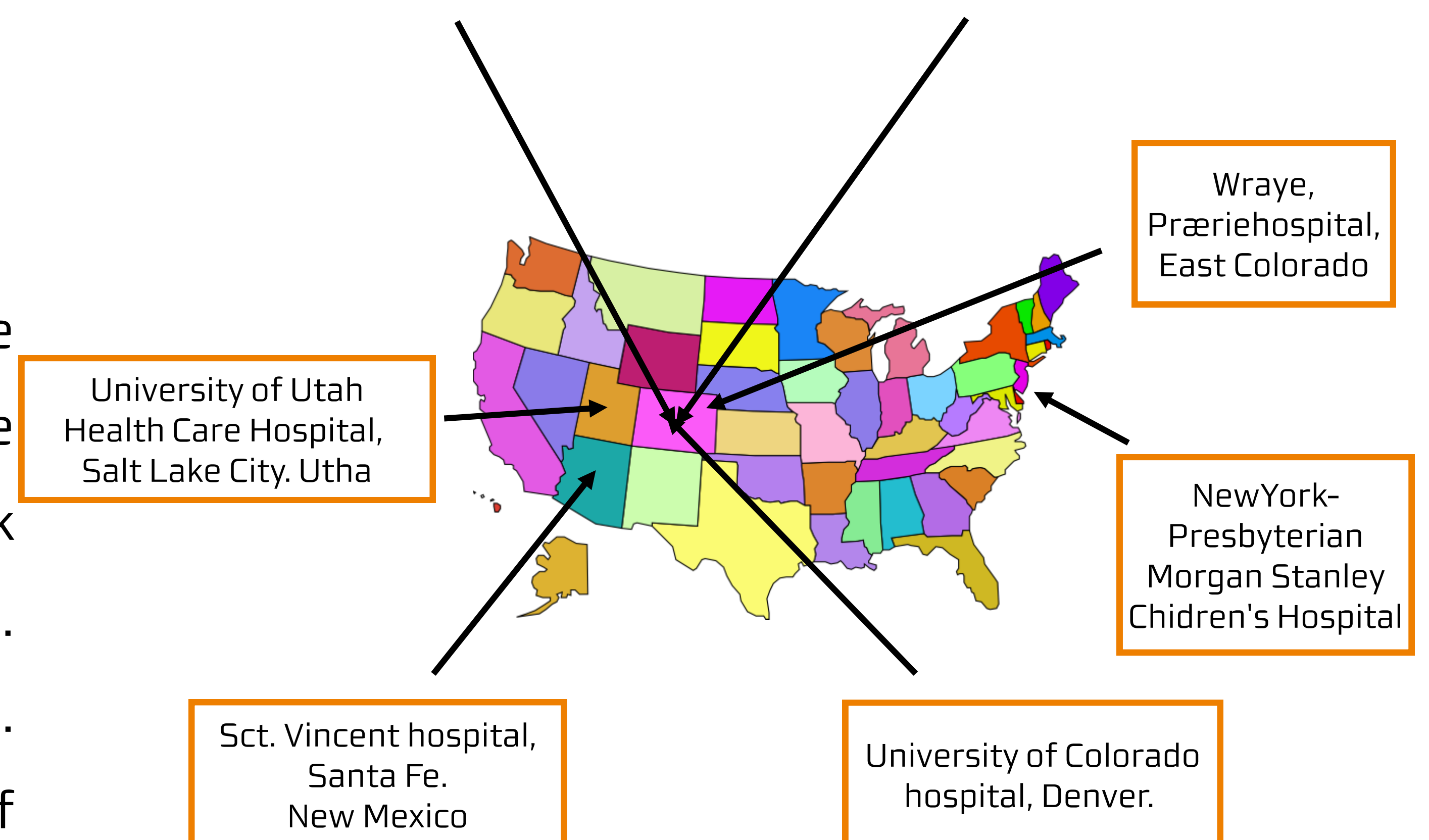
The aim for this part was to gather knowledge of the background, development and use of the tool, and to establish cooperation with the Associations of Perioperative registered nurses.

Methods

In order to gather information from of the PNDS a study visit in the US. was planned. An agreement on an eight week stay was made with The AORN. Participation with the PNDS Syntegrity Framework Team in order to gather the theoretical perspective was scheduled. Furthermore site visits to different hospitals were also scheduled. The hospitals were all included because of their exemplary use of PNDS.

Results

The site visits and the face to face work with the team during the eight weeks have resulted in a high insight into the development and use of the PNDS and to a cooperation agreement with AORN. Furthermore, cooperation was established to the software company with whom the Danish version of PNDS will be developed.



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