Removal of ED Nurse Transport for Telemetry Patients

Purpose of the Project:

- To gather evidence using a review of literature and evidence-based study to support the removal of the ED nurse in the transportation of telemetry patients.
- To train Transport Staff on safe transfer of telemetry patients, freeing nursing staff from time spent accompanying patients out of department and decreasing amount of time patients wait for RN escort to admitting unit.
- To develop a new transportation policy

Target Audience/Target Areas:

All patients on telemetry transferring out of ED to admitting units.

Exclusion Criteria:

1) Patients with + troponin (>0.08)
2) Patients on a drip that needs to be titrated
3) Patients with blood transfusing
4) All patients admitted to IMC/ICU units

Interventions:
Trained Transport Staff on new procedure and all transport staff became CPR certified.

Outcome/Outcome Measures:
Policy changed to allow CPR certified transporters to transfer patients without ED RN escort.