Do names on hats improve team communication in emergency theatres, and therefore enhance patient care?
Names and roles on hats is already implemented in many hospitals to improve communication, efficiency and this has led to improved patient safety. Do you support this in your role?

Answered: 96   Skipped: 4

- Yes, I support the widespread use of hats: 76.04%
- NO, I would not support: 5.21%
- I think it looks silly: 7.29%
- I don't think it looks: 6.25%
- I don't think it would: 3.13%
- Cost:
Improve communication between theatres, recovery and wards.

I looked a bit silly, but easy to get people's attention.

It was good as I didn't know many of the people here today.

I didn't know anyone's names and wasn't sure who was a registrar and who was a surgeon!

We have our names on badges and therefore people can recognise us in our role!

Great idea but needs to look more professional.

Can it be used to apportion blame?

As a Sister of surgical admissions I am delighted with this trial. It makes a difference to know who we are dealing with.

Support the initiative but only cloth hats.

It is useful in CEB.

Eye level name and role useful. First names promote teamwork and reduces fears of hierarchy.

Unprofessional appearance but newbies!
Resistance to Change: The Ignaz Semmelweis Effect

The Semmelweis effect is a metaphor for the reflex like reaction people exhibit to change when it opposes previously held beliefs and ‘accepted knowledge’.

Research is not always translated into practice, and so actively seeking evidence-based practice to explain the rationale behind writing your name and role on their theatre hat to an unconvinced colleague may be far more likely to comply and lead to successful implementation than with an arbitrary citing of a policy (Spruce 2015).

Human interaction is the key force in overcoming resistance and speeding change.

Better is possible. It does not come from genius. It takes diligence. It takes moral clarity. It takes ingenuity. Above all, it takes a willingness to try.

— Atul Gawande
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