Areas for improvement were identified in preparing patients for their procedure

Aims

- Avoid cancellations
- Decrease patient anxiety
- Improve patient safety
- Decrease length of stay
- Utilise laboratory

Assessment on the causes of procedure cancellations

- Audits on:
  - IVC insertions
  - Fluid balance charts
  - Medications charts
  - Procedural delays pre-transfer to CCL
  - Fasting status

Collaboration

- Collaborative discussions with cardiology ward on ways to improve patient preparation
- Cath lab to highlight good practices
- Development of a pre-procedural checklist
- PDSA – to trial checklist
- Team reflection & evaluation

Results

Checklist is in use at Westmead & Auburn Hospitals

- Ward staff proactively manage pre-procedural issues
- Decrease in cancellations of procedures
- Person centred care for all patients & families
- Improved patient flow

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