

Improving Patient Understanding of Cardiac Ablation Under Conscious Sedation and Patient Satisfaction

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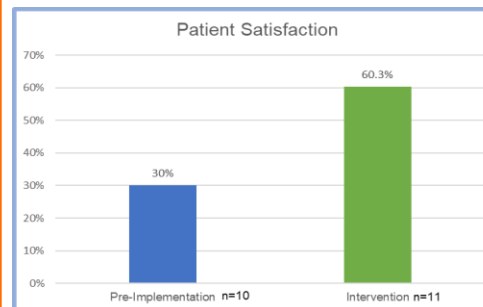
BACKGROUND: Cardiac ablation procedures under conscious sedation can cause intraoperative awareness and psychological sequelae and affect patient satisfaction.



INTERVENTION: Provide standardized educational material explaining types of arrhythmias, treatments, anesthesia used, and risks prior to the procedure.



RESULTS:



Providing standardized educational materials to patients undergoing cardiac ablation under conscious sedation increased their level of procedural satisfaction from 30% to 60.3%.

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