STANDARD 4: Perioperative nurses enter into and maintain therapeutic and effective communication with clients/patients, families/whanau, colleagues and peers.

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| • Perioperative nurses shall ensure that therapeutic and effective communication is initiated and maintained. | • Documentation  
• Written reports  
• Verbal communication – translation, appropriate level  
• Interprofessional communication.  
• Advocacy  
• Developing therapeutic relationships | **Nursing Council of New Zealand Competencies for Registered Nurses 2007**  
| **Documentation**    |                      |            |
| • Refer to Standard 2 |                      |            |
## Team Practice
- Refer to [Standard 1](#)

## Workplace Safety
- Refer to [Standard 1](#)

## Disaster Planning
- Perioperative nurses should be familiar with the facility and community plan and be able to implement appropriate action in the event of a fire, explosion or earthquake or any other disaster.
  - H/S policies
  - Contingency planning
  - Communication plan
  - Evacuation Drills
  - Regular review
- [Disaster Planning and Management](#)