

Hand-Off SBAR

(Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation)

To be used at shift change and during in-house patient transfers between departments.

SITUATION: Patient (sticker)		Today's date: _____ Diagnosis: _____ Admit date: _____ Provider pager: _____
BACKGROUND: Medical history: Allergies: Code status: Current treatments/ interventions:		Fall precautions: Restraint precautions:
ASSESSMENTS: Neuro: Respiratory: Cardiac: GI/GU: Musculoskeletal: Skin: Dressing Δ due: Psychosocial:	Last vital signs: BP_____ HR_____ RR_____ Temp_____ Pain scale_____ Accu checks: Abnormal lab: X ray results: Lines/ fluids: IV dressing Δ due:	
RECOMMENDATIONS: Goals: Consults: Tests/ treatments: Discharge needs:		

SBAR In-House Communication

Use the following SBAR steps to communicate issues, problems or opportunities for improvement to coworkers or supervisors.

Situation - State what is happening at the present time that concerns you.

Background - Explain the circumstances that lead up to the situation.
Put the situation into context for the reader.

Assessment - What do you think the problem is?

Recommendation - What would you do to correct the situation?