



Patient Sticker

SBAR Reporting

BEFORE CALLING:

1. Assess the patient
2. Review the chart for the appropriate physician to call
3. Know the admitting diagnosis
4. Read the most recent Progress Notes and the assessment form the prior shift
5. Have available when speaking with the physician:
Chart, Allergies, Meds, IV fluids, Labs/results, Code status
6. If physician is not available and you are expecting a return call, notify coworkers that you are expecting the call and where you can be located.

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SITUATION – What is the current problem right now?

State your **name and unit**

I am calling about: Patient Name and Room Number

The problem I am calling about is:

Briefly state the problem: **what it is, when it happened or started and how severe**

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BACKGROUND – What’s the background on this problem? How did we get to this point?

State the **admission diagnosis and date of admission**

State the **pertinent medical history**

A brief synopsis of the **treatment to date**

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ASSESSMENT – What do I think the issue is? Why am I concerned?

Most recent vital signs

BP _____ Pulse _____ Respirations _____ Temperature _____ O2sat _____ I&O _____

The patient is or is not on oxygen Wt _____

Any changes from prior assessments, such as:

Mental status	Respiratory rate/quality	Rhythm changes
Skin color	Pulse/BP rate/quality	Wound drainage
Neuro changes	Pain	
Muskuloskeletal (joint deformity, weakness)	GI/GU (Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea/output)	Retractions/use of accessory muscles

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RECOMMENDATION – What should we do to respond to this situation?

Do you think we should: (state what you would like to see done)

OR

- I am not sure what the problem is but the patient is deteriorating.
- The patient seems to be unstable and may get worse. We need to do something.

What do you think the next step should be?

- Transfer the patient to the ICU
- Come to see the patient at this time
- Talk to the patient and/or family about code status
- Ask for a consultant to see the patient now
- Other suggestions _____

Are any tests needed?

CXR ABG EKG CBC BNP Others _____

If a change in treatment is ordered, then ask:

How often do you want vital signs? _____

If the patient doesn't improve, when do you want us to call again? _____

Document the change in condition and the physician notification.

Write all orders directly in the chart and complete the verbal read-back.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____