

Registered Nurse Medical Surgical & Observation Unit Orientation Checklist



Associate Name: _____
Unit: _____
Initiation Date: _____
Completion Date: _____

Completed Telemetry Training: _____
Completed MyPath: _____
Completed Policy Review: _____

Self-Assessment (*SA):

Prior to starting orientation, the associate will complete the self-assessment portion using the following guidelines:

0 – Novice: I have little to no knowledge/experience in this area

1 – Competent: I am competent in this area

2 – Proficient: I can perform well in this area

3 – Expert: I excel in this area

Preceptor Assessment of Skill Competency Levels:

Initial and date the appropriate column on the checklist based on your assessment of the orientee's level of performance using the levels described:

Observed: Simulation of skill performed

Performed: Skill performed with supervision

Competent: Skilled performed competently

Exempt: Skill not performed on patient population

Preceptor Initials/Signature:

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Associate Comments:

Preceptor Comments:

Associate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Manger/Director Signature:

Date:

*SA	Nursing Practice Orientation	Observed	Performed	Competent	Exempt
P1	Nursing Fundamentals				
	Intranet – Policy Review, Procedure Review, E-mail, Nursing Webpage				
	Scheduling Software (Clocking, PTO, Exception Log)				
	Event Reporting System				
	Electronic Health Record (EHR)				
	Security				
	Call Bell System				
	Emergency Response – Rapid Response/Code Team				
	Unit fire plan – locate emergency exit routes				
	Floor Orientation (Clean/Dirty Utility, Kitchen, Pt Rooms, Code Cart(s), etc.)				
	Nursing Standards of Care				
	Nursing Code of Ethics				
	Resuscitation Quality Improvement Program (RQI)				
	Professional Advancement System (PAS)				
	Pharmacy				
	HIPPA/Patient Confidentiality				
P1	Cultural Diversity/Patient Communication				
	Respect the patient's cultural and personal values, beliefs, and preferences				
	Effectively communicates with patient/family/visitors when providing care, treatment, & services				
P1	Infection Control/Universal Precautions				
	Demonstrates Proper Hand Hygiene				
	Donning & Doffing of Personal Protective Equipment				
	Types of Isolation: Initiation/Discontinuation				
	Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention				
	Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)				
	Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)				
	Clostridium Difficile (C. Diff)				
	Multiple Drug-Resistant Organism (MDRO)				
	Surgical Site Infections (SSI)				
P1	Safe Patient Handling & Mobility				
	Bed positioning				
	Gait Belt				
	Non-Friction Devices				
	Total Mechanical Lift				
	Sit-Stand Mechanical Lift				
	Manual Stand Aid				
	Ambulating/Positioning/Transferring				
P2	Clinical Care				
P2	General Assessment				
	Assessment Types (Admission, Shift Assessment, Reassessment)				
	Implementing Education/Care Plan				
	Allergies				
	Falls Precautions (BMAT, Morse Fall Scale)				
	Alarm Management (Chair, Bed)				
	Virtual Patient Safety Observation				

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Clinical Care (cont.)					
P2	Review of Systems				
P2	Gastrointestinal				
	Abdominal Assessment				
	Bowel Sounds/Flatus				
	Colostomy/Ileostomy				
P2	GI Tube (NGT, PEG, J-tube, G-Tube)				
	Medication Administration				
	Enteral Feeding				
	Rectal Tube				
P2	Cardiovascular				
	Heart Sounds				
	Pacemaker				
	Edema				
	CMS Checks				
P3	Advanced Cardiac Care				
	Cardiac Monitoring				
	Implementing/Discontinuing Telemetry				
	Alarm Management (Setting Limits, Measurements)				
	Troubleshooting monitor/leads				
	Defibrillator & AED				
	Defibrillation Using Multifunction Electrode Pads				
	Synchronized Cardioversion				
	Transcutaneous Pacing				
	Code Cart Checks	1.	2.	3.	
	Pacemakers (Single, Dual, Defibrillator)				
	Laboratory Studies (Troponins, CK, BNP, etc.)				
	Orthostatic Blood Pressure				
	Echocardiogram (TTE, Stress Test, Bubble Study, Definity)				
	Weights (Daily, Admit)				
	Strict Intake & Output				
	EKG (3 Successful EKGs)	1.	2.	3.	
P2	Respiratory				
	Breath Sounds				
	Cough				
	Incentive Spirometer				
	Continuous Monitoring Pulse Oximeter				
P3	Advanced Respiratory Care				
	Supplemental Oxygen				
	Nasal Canula				
	Non-Rebreather Mask				
	Oxymask				
	Oral Suctioning				
	Tracheostomy Care				
	Care of Plastic Tracheostomy Tube with Inner Cannula				
	Tracheostomy Suctioning				
	Aerosol Mask, Tracheostomy				
	Chest Tube				
	Respiratory Medications (inhaled therapies, nebulizer therapies)				
	Assessment/Reassessment and Documentation				

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Clinical Care (cont.)					
Review of Systems (cont.)					
P2	ENT (Head, Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat)				
	Aspiration Precautions				
	Special Communication Needs (Hearing, Language, Vision)				
P2	Neurological				
	Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS)				
	Neuro Checks				
	Delirium Assessment				
P2	Stroke Care				
	Assessment – Neurological Deficits, VS, Cardiac Monitoring				
	Activating Stroke Alert – Stroke Team & Code LVO				
	NIHSS				
	Dysphagia Screening/Modified Diets				
	Types of testing – CT, CTA, MRI, Labs, BG				
	Antiplatelet/Anticoagulants				
	DVT Prophylaxis				
P2	Musculoskeletal				
	Range of Motion (ROM) & Muscle Strength				
P2	Genitourinary				
	Urinary Bladder Catheterization (Straight/Foley)				
	Nephrostomy				
	Urostomy				
P2	Integumentary				
	Skin Integrity				
	Wound Care				
P2	Psychosocial				
	Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)				
	Mental Health, Relationships, & Coping Mechanisms (including interventions)				
P3	Specialty Care				
P3	RS/Sepsis				
	NEWS/Sepsis Score & BPA				
	RR, O2 Sat., Supplemental O2, Temp., SBP, HR, LOC				
	Treatment (Bolus, ABX., VS, Labs, T & S, BC, Cultures)				
	SIRS (Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome)				
P3	Pain Management				
	Pain Assessment/Reassessment and Documentation				
	Pain Medications (Prescribed and Over the Counter)				
	Alternative Therapies				
P3	Deteriorating Patient Condition - Deterioration				
	SBAR				
	Initiating Advanced Care (6666)				
	Rapid Response (RR), Code Team, Stroke Alert, MI Alert				
	Use of the Code Narrator/RR Narrator				
	Reporting Critical Values				
P3	End Of Life				
	Organ donation				
	Advanced Directives				
	Comfort Care/Hospice/Palliative				
	Postmortem Care and Documentation				

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Clinical Care (cont.)					
Specialty Care (cont.)					
P3	Post-Operative Hernia				
	Vital Signs (Q2hrs for 12hrs. then Q4hrs.)				
	Continuous Oxygen Saturation				
	Continuous Telemetry				
	Patient Education & Care Plan				
P3	Post-Operative Orthopedic				
	Vital Signs				
	CMS Check (Q2hrs. until full sensation, Q4hrs. until POD1 2000, then Q8hrs.)				
	Pain (Q4hrs for 24hrs. then Q8hrs.)				
	Incentive Spirometry (Q8hrs.)				
	IVF (D/C POD1 0600 with good oral intake)				
	Drains				
	Foley Catheter (D/C POD1 0600)				
	Surgical Site Care				
	Patient Education & Care Plan				
P4	Intravenous (IV) Access				
	Peripheral IV Access				
	IV Catheter Insertion (3 Successful Insertions – Date/Initials)	1.	2.	3.	
	IV Catheter Removal				
	IV Catheter Maintenance (Assessment, Flushing, Dressing Change)				
P4	Central Venous Access (CVC)				
	Non-Tunneled Catheters (Hohn, Triple/Double Lumen)				
	Tunneled Catheters (Hickman, Groshong, Broviac)				
	Implanted Ports (Medi port, Port-A-Cath, Power Port)				
	Peripherally Inserted Central Cath (PICC, Power PICC)				
	CVC Maintenance (Assessment, Flushing, Dressing Change)				
P4	Food/Blood Product Administration				
	Pre-Transfusion				
	Intra-Transfusion				
	Post-Transfusion				
	Transfusion Reaction				
	Pre-Transfusion				
P4	Respiratory IV Pump				
	Primary Infusion/Secondary Infusion				
	Patient Controlled Analgesia Pump				
	Initiation				
	Documentation (2 RN cosign)				
	ETCO2 Pump				
	Initiation (Set up & ETCO2 tubing)				
	Troubleshooting/Alarms				
P4	Parenteral Nutrition				
	Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)				
	Lipids				

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Clinical Care (cont.)					
P4	Medication Administration				
	Pyxis Tutorial and Pyxis Usage Guidelines				
	6 Rights of Medication Administration				
	Positive Patient Identification (PPI)				
	Patient Specific Medications				
	Review Prior to Arrival (PTA) Medications				
	Wasting Medications				
	Vaccinations				
	Review of Historical Vaccine Data & Assessment in EMR				
	Administration/Documentation of Vaccines in EMR				
	Education: Printing VIS from EMR & Documentation				
	Medication Administration Record (MAR)				
	Barcode Scanning				
	Override & Linking Medications				
P4	Medication Route				
	Rectal (Suppository, Enema)				
	Transdermal				
	IV Drip (Primary/Secondary)				
	IV Push Injection				
	Intramuscular Injection				
	Subcutaneous Injection				
	Oral/Enteral				
	Sublingual				
	Ocular (Eye)				
	Otic (Ear)				
P4	Medication Type				
	Insulin Administration Sub-Q Insulin Nomogram & sliding scale				
	Insulin Administration IV				
	Anticoagulation Therapy SQ (Heparin/Lovenox) Oral (Coumadin, Xarelto, Eliquis)				
	Heparin/Bivalirudin Drips				
	Antibiotic Therapy				
	Peaks & Troughs				
	Antibiotic Resistance (MDRO, VRE, MRSA, CRE, ESBL, C. Diff)				

****Once Complete please submit BOTH**

**Clinical Orientation Checklist &
Department-Specific Orientation Checklist
to your Nursing Director****