Doctor and Nurse Reports and Rounding

One of our goals is to provide you with personalized care. We want to involve you and your caregivers in your care, so you can learn what you will need to do to care for yourself after you leave the hospital. Having you take part in your care helps us better know your needs and keep you safe.

Bedside Reports

One way we involve you and your family is by doing reports from your physician and nurse in your room. We call these bedside reports. Bedside reports consist of your current nurse and doctor meeting with you and your family to talk about your care needs such as:

- Your goals for the day and plan of care
- Any tests or procedures you are scheduled for
- Discharge plans or plans to leave the hospital

We encourage you and your family to take part in these reports and ask any questions you may have about your care. Please ask us about:

- Medicines: You may want to ask about the medicines you are taking and why, side effects to expect or when to have concerns about a side effect, or how long you need to stay on the medicine.
- Medical Care: You may want more information about tests, dressing changes and other care provided to you.
- Activity levels: You may want to know more about what you should or should not do, or how activities need to be done differently based on your medical needs when going home.
- Changes to nutrition and lifestyle: You may want to know how your medical needs change food or nutrition needs, as well as exercise when going home.
- Therapy: You may want to ask about different types of therapy that may be needed now or when you go home. Therapy can be occupational, recreational, speech-language, or physical.
- Spiritual or emotional needs: If you have concerns about how you are feeling, or if you feel depressed, please share this with your doctor or nurse. They will help you get in touch with a chaplain at the hospital.
- Other resources: If you have questions about transportation, medical equipment or other needs when leaving the hospitals, please share this with your doctor or nurse. They can contact a Medical Social Worker to help you with these needs.

## Rounding

To help meet your daily care needs, your nurse or Patient Care Associate (PCA) will check on you at least every hour. These hourly checks, sometimes called hourly rounding, are times we will:

- Check on you and how you are feeling
- Help you move or change position
- Check on your comfort and pain control
- Help you get up to go to the bathroom

Before we leave your room, we will be sure that you have your call light within easy reach. We will be sure you have your water, telephone and any personal items where you can reach them.

**Please call your nurse or PCA if you need anything at other times.**

Use your call light or call the phone numbers listed on your white board.
Questions or Concerns About Your Care

Please ask! Talk with us:

- At bedside reports with your nurse or doctor
- Your nurse or PCA on rounding
- Call the charge nurse on the unit for more help

We want to address your needs and concerns. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. You may also get a survey after you go home. We hope you will take the time to give us your feedback. We use the feedback to recognize our staff and to know how we can improve.

Talk to your doctor or others on your health care team if you have questions. You may request more written information from the Library for Health Information at (614) 293-3707 or email: health-info@osu.edu.