



Survive PRN Hospital Work: Tips to increase treatment accuracy

- * No time to do complete chart review- ask the nurse for a recap on patient status.
- * Ask nurse assigned to your patient about any precautions.
- * Ask for your patient treatment list to include diagnosis, precautions, name and room #.
- * Use universal precautions even when nurses say not to worry.
- * Remember your patients are suffering and need your compassionate care.
- * Patients fears are real. They may have found out their illness is terminal.
- * Remember patients may worry about what they are being billed after insurance for tx.
- * Make their victories your victories so you never get “burned out”.
- * Always look to learn new ideas for treatment. PRN often has you out on your own.
- * Do not write your notes after you have clocked out for increased productivity.
- * Remember resources you can use: AOTA, colleagues, internet, cell phone, etc.
- * Think ahead. Too often patients are discharged before they are really independent.
- * Do not go to work sick. Patients usually have compromised immune systems.
- * Ask patient what their goals are, then tell them how you can help them.
- * Know where basic items are before beginning treatments.
- * Know the process for giving out ADL equipment.
- * You may benefit from using one of the Brilliant Therapy Documentation Forms* to keep you organized with needed information at a glance.
- * When you enter a hospital room, look for adaptive equipment as it is another clue as to what you need to know before starting your session. [sock aid, wedge, ace wrap, ...]