

**Yakima Regional Nurse Practice Meeting
September 19, 2005**

Members: Chair-Pam Rimel*, Carmen Garrison*, Susan Holdeman*, Keith Prouse*, Donna Mellinger, Ron Fought*, Kay Arcutt, Julie Logan*, Marti Brunell, Barb Evans, Sheila Leman, Deb Westland, Terri Wright, Stormye Presnell*, Susan Gleeson*, Bruce Furgeson, Bev Calvert*, Lillian Ahrendt*, Michele Johnson*, Karen Carpenter*, Jacqui Bush, Mary Verhey*

Visitors:

Called to order/ground rules: Pam Rimel called the meeting to order at 1606.

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Pharmacy: Keith Prouse discussed Medication Order Reconciliation Form (MORF) policy. These forms are to be completed (or at least started) with every admission to the hospital including Same Day Surgery (SDS) and Emergency Department (ED). The purpose of the form is to promote safe and consistent documentation and reconciliation of medications at the time of admission and discharge. This is a JCACHO requirement to meet the national patient safety goal number eight. These forms are to be faxed to Pharmacy within 24 hours of hospital admission with the physicians' signature. Discussions to improve the form were made.

Drug therapy transfer sheet is for inter-hospital transfers.

Universal Medication Forms: are to be given to patients upon discharge. Keith is working with MIS to make this part of the discharge instructions via computer.

The Heparin infusion protocols are changing. This has been a long process with the physicians for finalization and approval.

Education:

IV Certification: Everyone is certified except for a few on probation or leave of absence.

HIPAA compliance mandatory education: Those who were not able to attend the scheduled classes are to contact their manager for training.

TB testing: There are 12 classes a month between Yakima and Toppenish.

CAT: There were six calls. This is to be a nurse to nurse consult and in no way to take the place of calling the physician.

Orientation for all nurses to the different units is in process.

Mary Verhey: ACU has 10 nurses in the residency class. Anyone interested in attending any of the classes should contact her.

Michele Johnson: ICU has two residents on PM and two in AM. There will be new monitors the first part of February and a program is being established to replace the beds starting in March.

Stormye: The code 99 module and critical thinking module will be kept as part of the mandatory education. There will be new ACLS guidelines in June and new PALS guidelines in November. New protocols will be rolling out.

ADO: Training in January went well. A class is being scheduled for the managers. The first line of notification will depend on the staff nurse's assignment (charge/team member) and shift. If it is an evening shift or a weekend, the ANS is to be contacted. In this case, at the bottom of the ADO, the unit manager is noted as contacted "via copy of ADO" and a copy is to be put in his/her mailbox or office. Nurses need to make a copy of any additional data they have included as supportive information and a copy of the ADO needs to go to Ron Fought via inter-office mail. If he only gets a copy of the letter from Lori Bethay, he is not going to respond to the ADO.

Transport: Hours are 7:00 am-7:30 pm. CS is on call on the weekend. Transport will be going to CS.

Admission Nurse: In week one and going well.

Collaborative Committee: The first meeting was held and there was identification of issues. We are going to share information found in articles related to issues we are having in our nursing practice. The next meeting will be February 1, 2006 at 4 pm.

Nursing Day (around May 6): Pam, Carmen, Lillian, Ron all offered to help.

Meeting adjourned at 1720. Next meeting will be February 20 at 1600.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen S. Garrison, RN

* Indicates present at meeting