

Nurse Practice Minutes

March 17, 2008 1 p.m.

Present: Julia Barcott, Sue Gleeson, Kitt Richert, Ron Fought, Stormye Presnell, Wendy Staff, Sheila Leman, Julie Logan, Keith Prouse

Care-T discussion held regarding concerns and needs. Many machines being tagged as broken, not scanning, etc. but some just need charged and others that are tagged are sitting in the units and not being taken to Sheila so they can be fixed. Sheila also reviewed how to reboot Care-T if not working. Classes will be set up for new hires and remediation for current users, dates not yet available. Also, new dots will be added for meds that are missing or not scanning. Discussion with Keith regarding removing blood sugars from Care-T as they are not a medication and are already written down on another flow sheet. Agreement reached to remove CBG's.

Ron states email for nurses being worked on. Not ready yet.

Concerns discussed on faxed reports to floors, especially from Cath Lab and ER. Many times reports are faxed and get lost in other paperwork. Also, no updates being called as agreed upon and patients showing up without accepting nurse knowing they are arriving. Recent examples reviewed. Ron will work on this as one of JCAHO goals is communication to increase patient safety. Feeling is that a faxed report should be an exception rather than the normal way to give report. One on one report is always the better choice.

Ideas for upcoming Nurses Day reviewed. Ron has a number of ideas. Essay contest will also take place as before as it is well received. He will update at next meeting.

WSNA Centennial Event is May 6th. All nurses encouraged to attend, some nurses already have registered from the hospital.

Suggestions discussed for District Nominations. All names will be forwarded to District Officers for consideration.

Possibility of restarting precepting classes. Stormye and Wendy state they have the material, just need to set up again. Feel that it will make preceptors more prepared and accountable.

Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.