

Nurse Practice Minutes
January 15, 2007

Pam Rimel: Meeting called to order and ground rules. December 2006 minutes approved.

PHARMACY: KEITH PROUSE

- The third quarter report shows we still need to improve on accurate over-rides and be sure to send orders to the pharmacy. Be sure to scan not fax. Some are going to IS instead of pharmacy.
- Intellidot education will begin in February and should begin use by April 1 as a pilot. The projected date for in-house use is June 1. We will try a pilot on one unit and then see how it goes from there.
- There was discussion on problems of missing medications on the MAR and also in the ACUDOSE. Keith suggested we let him know specifics so he can figure out the problem. There was a feeling among nurses that Meds could be put into the ACUDOSE system more quickly. Keith will also check into some of these issues and report back.
- There was a question about dispensing pharmacy items from same day. Keith confirmed that any medications leaving the hospital must be properly labeled before it leaves the institution.

EDUCATION:

WENDY STAFF

- A mandatory module on the Pneumococcal and Influenza vaccines is out, and should be returned by January 26, 2007.
- There was discussion about notifying LTC facilities of vaccine administration. Be sure to check the vaccine box on discharge.
- It was also noted that for those patients returning to LTC, who require oxygen; there needs to be a documented room air saturation, charted.
- Wendy is in the process of orientating LPN II students.

STROMYE PRESNELL

- The new ACLS, and PALS schedule for 2007 is up. There should be plenty of opportunities for all RN's to renew. LPN II's do not need ACLS or PALS.
- The DOH trauma report is now out and we did OK. They also noted areas where we can improve to help us on the next evaluation. The DOH felt that we managed our children well, also.
- Stormye pointed out that nurses must be careful and complete on the trauma charting to be sure everything is covered, including I&O. It was noted that it can

be difficult when there are 4 trauma's happening at once, but the RN is ultimately responsible for proper charting.

INFECTION CONTROL

DEB WESTLAND

- Hand hygiene is still an issue. It appears we need to remind everyone about washing hands before and after patient care.
- Joint Commission: Resistant organisms are an issue in hospitals. We may begin getting swabs, both nasal and perianal, on high risk individuals.
- Vaccines that combine Tetanus with Pertussis will be available in the ER.

LIFT COMMITTEE

SUSAN GLEESON

- Float Pool continues training on the lift apparatus. Equipment disappearing is still a problem. We need to problem solve. There was discussion on slider sheets being available to all patients who need one since infection control would be an issue.

RON FOUGHT:

- * PILOT: There will be an RN coming on board as a pilot person who will round on all wounds in the hospital with Chris Ivy. She will help with photos and review documentation.
- Ron commented that we are doing better on pain assessments, but need to improve on restraint documentation. It was suggested that RN-RN reminders on shift reports may be helpful. It was considered that RN's do some chart reviews to help them appreciate some of the problems encountered.
- There was discussion about Video Equipment rented or hired out? We will discuss further.
- Discussion: can we set all the clocks to the same time?
- Supply cart issues should have been resolved.
- Problems with furniture in rooms has been solved.
- An LPN should not act in the role of charge nurse.

PAM RIMEL & NURSES DAY

- We are preparing for nurses day. We need managers and nurses. So far we have Pam Rimel, Ron Fought, and Susan Holdeman.
- There was discussion about new policies that impact nurses. NP committee would like to comment on them.
- We would like to include a nurse from each unit on the NP committee.
- We are hoping to stream-line the NP meetings by having specific topics at each meeting, instead of having all topics at every meeting. That does not exclude someone from attending, if there is something important to share.

Meeting adjourned.

Attending: Pam Rimel, Ron Fought, Michelle Johnson, Sheila Leman, Keith Prouse, Wendy Staff, Stormye Presnell, Deb Westland, Susan Holdeman, Betsy Grose.

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