

Enhancing Interdisciplinary Communication Through the Use of a Nurse Rounding Script

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Effective communication is the cornerstone of high-quality patient care, particularly in the complex and fast-paced environment of Pediatric Critical Care. The **Nurse Rounding Script** is a proactive approach to patient care and has emerged as a valuable strategy for promoting communication among healthcare professionals.

In the fast-paced world of pediatric critical care the cornerstone of high-quality care is effective and accurate communication.

Prior Challenges

- Rounds not inclusive of team
- Changes not reported accurately
- Concerns by bedside RN not addressed
- Medications go missed
- Orders not written
- RN not aware of plan



Improvement Goals

- Team awareness
- Real-time issues addressed
- RN present for rounds
- Medication needs addressed
- Orders written during rounds
- Plan reviewed

Key features of the Nurse Rounding Script:

- Standardized Format**
The script offers a structured format to guide the Critical Care Nurse during rounds, ensuring that they cover precise information to aide in the patient care plan.
- Streamline Workflow**
By presenting a clear checklist of tasks and questions, the script optimizes the workflow, reducing the risk of crucial patient information being missed.
- Prioritization of Concerns**
The script emphasizes the prioritization of patient needs, ensuring that the medical team is promptly informed of any issues requiring immediate attention.
- Documentation**
It encourages thorough documentation of information needed for rounds, which can serve as a valuable reference for the healthcare team and improve patient outcomes.
- Team Building**
Collaborative rounding fosters stronger relationships and trust between nursing staff and the medical team, leading to better teamwork and collaboration.



The **Nurse Rounding Script** highlights the importance of effective nurse rounding as means to improve communication and collaboration between the Registered Nurse and the multidisciplinary team.

The Nurse Rounding Script is a practical and promising tool that can enhance the quality of patient care by streamlining communication and fostering a more holistic approach to healthcare delivery. Research and implementation studies are in process to further evaluate the impact of the Nurse Rounding Script on patient outcomes and interdisciplinary communication in the critical care setting.