EL CAMINO COLLEGE LCM/TCU CLINICAL ROTATION

STUDENT CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS HANDBOOK

1. Vital Signs
   - Morning VS to be completed and documented before 0800
   - Do not document without clearance from instructor to do so.
   - Do not document abnormal V/S; repeat V/S if still abnormal notify RN
   - Documentation of AM values should be done under the 1000 am slot.
   - V/S per routine. Additional V/S to be taking when administering medications
     that affect V/S and documented on V/S sheet.
   - Wipe your equipment (BP cuff and Stethoscope) with antiseptic wipes
     between patients and before leaving the unit.

2. Report any abnormalities immediately such as altered level of consciousness
   (ALOC), V/S, any abnormal assessment findings. Also report any malfunctioned
   equipment
3. Consult with instructor before documenting in the patient’s chart. All documentation
   will be reviewed by the instructor for accuracy, before entry into patients’ charts.
4. Verify scheduled activities for your patient for the day such as, Physical Therapy (PT)
   on the board in the Charting room and plan your care around it.
5. Medication Administration
   - Place blue medication administration card on patient medication sheet divider
     to alert Medication RN that you would be administering medications to
     patients.
   - Return medication sheets to Medication folder when immediately after
     documenting the medication administration
   - Obtain co-signature on double check medications such as insulin.
6. Obtain specific information on the patients’ activity status before providing care.
7. Avoid touching or adjusting any equipment you are unfamiliar with or have had no
   education regarding it.
8. Refrain from asking the charge nurse information about your patient, direct your
   questions to your instructor if you cannot find it on the chart.
9. Charts
   - Notify the unit secretary when taking a chart out of the area.
   - Return chart to the exact location obtained from.
   - Follow the following guidelines in conducting patient research the day before:
     - Only take charts into the charting room in the assigned area
     - Never leave patient documents face up when unattended.
     - Only write down patient information you need.
     - Do not walk out with any patient document containing patient
       identifiers
     - Do not photocopy or print out patient’s documents.
10. Report to instructor before:
    - Going off the unit for any reason.
    - Leaving at the end of the clinical day.

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