

Meditech Documentation Guidelines for Students

Below is a list of interventions that our nurses chart on during the shift. Please note that the information that you need to chart may be based on your clinical level and/or instructor. Please check with your clinical instructor for guidance on the information that you need to chart while caring for your patient.

Daily Patient Care Documentation

Education- use this intervention to document patient teaching. Any teaching that you do for the patient, should be documented.

Shift assessment- If you are at the clinical level where you will be completing a patient assessment, you should complete this intervention at the beginning of the shift. This intervention includes an initial pain assessment

Patient reassessment- you should complete this intervention at the end of the shift or when changes occur in the patient's condition.

Nursing Daily process- use this intervention to document established priorities for the patient's care, patient's code status, isolation status, side rails status etc.

Fall Precautions- use this intervention to document assessment of the patient's risk for falls this should be done daily.

Pain monitor- use this intervention to document subsequent c/o pain after the shift assessment has been completed (Example: Pt did not c/o at 0800 however it is now 1000 and the patient is c/o pain).

Pain reassessment- document this intervention 1 hr after med administered & PRN

IV peripheral monitor – use this intervention to document the assessment of the IV site. ~~if you are monitoring the IV and administering IV meds with your instructor,~~ (i.e. site location, type of fluids).

IV site check – this intervention allows the care giver to log the date and time that the IV site was inspected/checked according to the hospital's protocol:

- IV with medication q 1 hr
- IV maintenance q 2 hrs
- INT q 4 hrs

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PCA/PCT and SNT's usually document the following, however the nurse is responsible for reviewing:

Vital signs	q 4 hrs or by MD orders
I&O's**	q shift (0559, 1359, and 2159)
ADLS	q shift & PRN
Meals	q shift
Weights	daily (per MD orders or unit routine)

****When charting intake and output in Meditech please document according to the time guidelines this will ensure that the Meditech system will calculate the patient's eight hour fluid balance correctly.**

Common interventions to be documented as applicable to the patient:

Blood products administered
Behavior/Medical restraints check
Notify MD
Pulse ox monitor
IV insertion/removal
Patient Hand-off Form (for transfers)