Bedside Shift Report Checklist

- Introduce the nursing staff to the patient and family. Invite the patient and family to take part in the bedside shift report.
- Open the medical record or access the electronic work station in the patient’s room.
- Conduct a verbal SBAR report with the patient and family. Use words that the patient and family can understand.
  
  **S** = **Situation.** What is going on with the patient? What are the current vital signs?
  
  **B** = **Background.** What is the pertinent patient history?
  
  **A** = **Assessment.** What is the patient’s problem now?
  
  **R** = **Recommendation.** What does the patient need?

- Conduct a focused assessment of the patient and a safety assessment of the room.
  
  - Visually inspect all wounds, incisions, drains, IV sites, IV tubings, catheters, etc.
  
  - Visually sweep the room for any physical safety concerns.

- Review tasks that need to be done, such as:
  
  - Labs or tests needed
  
  - Medications administered
  
  - Forms that need to be completed (e.g., admission, patient intake, vaccination, allergy review, etc.)
  
  - Other tasks: ___________________________________________________________________

- Identify the patient’s and family’s needs or concerns.
  
  - Ask the patient and family:
    
    o **“What could have gone better during the last 12 hours?”**
    
    o **“Tell us how your pain is.”**
    
    o **“Tell us how much you walked today.”**
    
    o **“Do you have any concerns about safety?”**
    
    o **“Do you have any worries you would like to share?”**

  - Ask the patient and family what the goal is for the next shift. This is the patient’s goal — not the nursing staff’s goal for the patient.
    
    o **“What do you want to happen during the next 12 hours?”**
    
    o Follow up to see if the goal was met during the verbal SBAR at the next bedside shift report.

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