

Promoting Patient Care and Safety through Pre-Printed Physician Order Sheet

Problem : Currently, documentation rate for seven important physician non-medication admission orders for the patients admitted under Medicine is very low. The elements include admitting resident contact number, patient diagnosis, condition on admission, allergy status, allowed activity, fall risk & venous thromboembolism risk assessment. None (0 %) of the patient's files have all seven elements documented together.

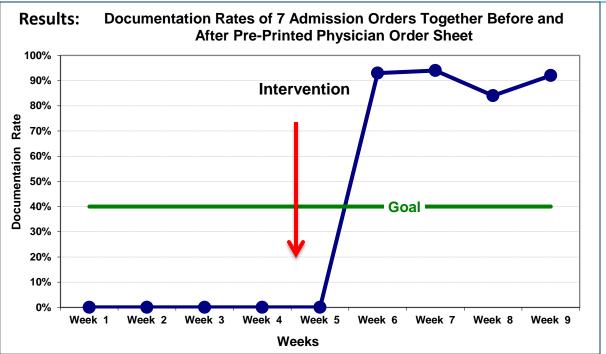
Aim:

To increase the percentage of the patient's files with documentation of all seven elements together from

0% to 40% in medical team 2A and 4A from November 17, 2013 to December 15, 2013.

Intervention:

- Introduction of pre-printed physician order sheet for non-medication orders
- Education of medical team residents participating in the project



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Conclusions:

• After implementation of the pre-printed checklist documentation rate increased from 0 % to 90% which is well beyond the goal.

 Documentation rate for each of the seven admission orders improved remarkably after intervention.

• This will improve patient care by reducing harm to the patient and better physician-nurse written communication.

Next Steps:

 Standardization of non-medication orders for all medical admissions with aim of 100% documentation rate by June 2014.

 Introduction of disease specific orders for common diseases by June 2015.