



Pizza party time!

Every fall and spring semester, UPMC Altoona hosts pizza parties for nursing students completing their clinical requirements at the hospital. The parties are a time to express gratitude and appreciation for our next generation of nurses and for them to learn more about UPMC Altoona.

Over 200 nursing students attended the pizza parties this spring. The students were from Mount Aloysius, Penn State Altoona, Saint Francis, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, and Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center.



Nursing news you can use

Information for student nurses working at UPMC

Calling condition A or C

Nurses need to be familiar with hospital condition codes and how to call them.



Two of the most important are conditions A and C.

Condition A is called when a patient is in cardiac arrest. It alerts members of the cardiopulmonary resuscitation team to life-threatening situations.

Condition C is called when a patient is in crisis and needs rapid evaluation and treatment, or when a patient requires expedient transfer to a monitored bed or ICU bed.

To call a condition A or C, pick up any hospital corded phone and dial 4000. If calling from a cell phone, dial 814-889-4000. If calling from a pickle phone, dial 889-4000.

IMPORTANT: Do not call the hospital main number or the paging operator as this will delay the announcement.

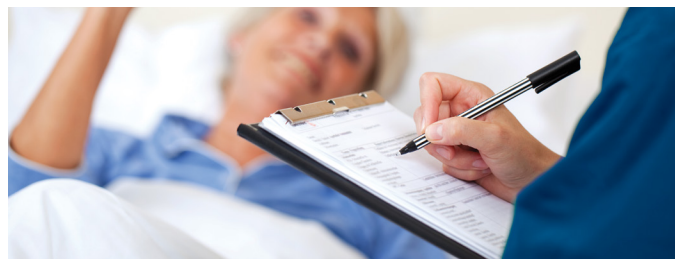
Bedside shift reporting vital

As a nursing student, it is important for you to participate in bedside shift reporting on patients assigned to you. Shift reports at the bedside are the gold standard for high quality nursing and a win/win for nurses and patients.

Bedside reports provide information vital to your patient's care. If you receive a report at a nurse's station or in a hallway, you only get half the picture. At the bedside, you get to see what the previous shift nurse is describing.

You may be told the patient has a wound, or swelling, or blood around an IV site, but what does that look like? How do you know the baseline unless you are shown by the previous nurse? If a patient has garbled speech, how do you know if it's getting worse unless both nurses assess the baseline?

In addition, bedside shift reporting helps a patient transfer the trust built with their previous shift nurse to you and allows them to participate in the conversation about their care.



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