Interdisciplinary Rounds in TLC

Utilizing Nurses to help in Decision Making
Introduction of Presenters

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WELCOME to TLC

Where a team approach is necessary and patient care is #1
NDNQI

• National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators

• Yearly Goal setting
  – Goal picked based on satisfaction scores
    • 2010 Goal: Improve RN satisfaction in participation in Decision Making
    • Would like to see score higher based on data supporting RN satisfaction directly correlating with interdisciplinary communication and patient outcomes.
As a unit, we focus on a **Healthy Work Environment** in addition to achieving excellent clinical outcomes. Communication skills are just as important as clinical skills.
Purpose

• To familiarize new Medical Residents and Interns to the purpose of TLC Interdisciplinary Rounds and ways to utilize Nurses in their decision making.
Goal

• Physicians and nurses will communicate, coordinate and collaborate using shared decision making to provide the patient and their families the best care possible.
Interdisciplinary Rounds in TLC

• Two teams, each consists of the following:
  – Attending Physician, Fellow, Residents, Intern, Medical Student
  – Nurse with or without a Nurse Resident
  – Pharmacist
  – Respiratory Therapist
  – Dietician
  – Patient and Family
Day Rounds

• Usually Attending Physician driven
  – Take place after 0800 CXR rounds at approximately 0830 until finished
  – In depth look at each TLC patient
  – Involves input from each person of the Interdisciplinary Team
Evening Rounds

• Sign Out
  – Admitting team gets sign out from post-call team of each TLC followed patient at approximately 1600 or earlier
  – Quick rounds outside each TLC patient room. Physicians have already gone over each patient with each other independently.
Night Rounds

• On-call team rounds on each patient at approximately 2100
  – Not as in depth as Day Rounds
  – Purpose is to go over plan for the night with each TLC followed patient
  – Excellent way to prevent AM labs and CXR from being forgotten
  – Nurse is available to go over plan to prevent unnecessary pages
Nurse importance during Interdisciplinary Rounds in decision making

- Important to get Nurse’s perspective of plan of care
  - At the bedside more continually
  - Can provide some insight that a “snapshot” view may not be able to see
- Family Issues
- Sedation
- Spontaneous Breathing Trials
- IV access
- Pain
- Wounds
- Transfer Status
- End of Life
When your TLC rotation ends....

• Communication strategies
  – Collaborate with TLC team in developing the plan of care, especially during the night when resources are limited
  – Check in with Nurse if there is anything that needs to be clarified.
    • **If you receive a page to clarify, it probably wasn’t clear**
  – If possible, join Interdisciplinary Rounds with TLC to get the plan of care clarified.

Team TLC
Benefits for you

- Less pages
- More well rounded view of the patient
- Mutual respect
- Use these skills as your career progresses
Take home points

• We all have the same goal: Optimal Patient Care
• We learn from each other.
• We need each other to care for the patient.
• Miscommunication kills patients.
  – “Silence Kills”
• If you have a question, ask. Nurses are excellent resources.
THANK YOU!
References


