

# **Transfer of Care Bundle: Standardizing Nurse-to-Nurse Communication**

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# Objectives

- Discuss standardized communication's effect of patient safety
- Discuss the impact of applying research to nursing practice and patient safety



# Purpose

- Create a standardized process for safe patient handoff
- Create a tool to guide information shared during report





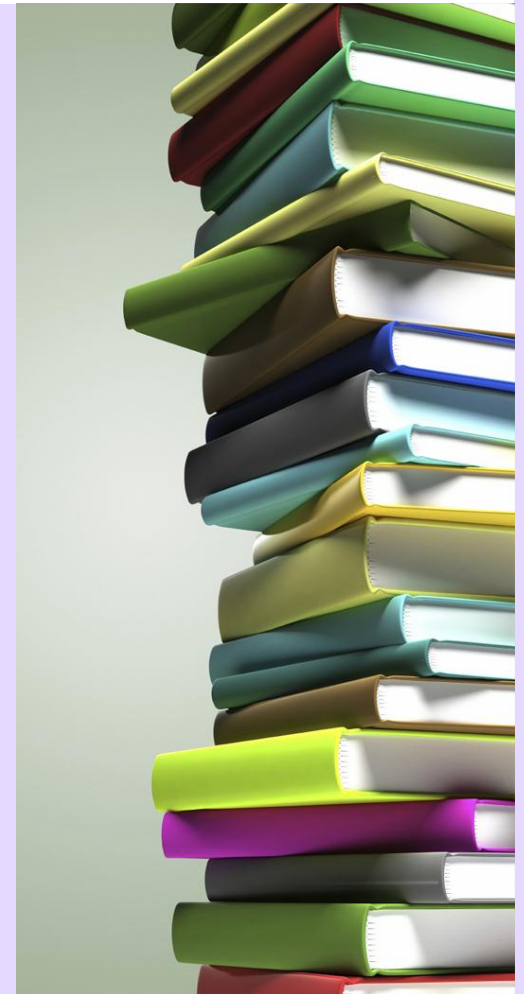
# Nurse-led Initiative

- Clinical Practice Council
  - Chief Nursing Officer tasked the CPC
  - System shared governance group
  - Staff nurses volunteered to participate in biweekly meetings
- Leadership support
  - Vice President of Patient Care Services
  - Research specialist
  - Director of Leadership Development



# Research Journey

- Assessing current practice
- Literature review and analysis
  - 180 Articles
- Biweekly meetings
  - 10 months
- Transformation
  - My way is the best way to
  - Pass Me Safelee is the best way





# The Transfer of Care Bundle

1. Before starting hand-off, assemble available tools, charts, computer information, and MARs.
2. Hand-off begins with introductions (include patient and family) and ends with the opportunity to ask questions.
3. Giver and receiver with all N2N hand-offs must use the acronym Pass Me Safelee.
4. Begin each step in the acronym with the trigger word
5. Vital signs-trends (ideal) or last set (second best) need to be included. This means the actual numbers are included.
6. Hand-off is a safe zone
7. Only essential patient and family information is to be included in the hand-off.
8. Hand-off communication should occur timely and punctually.
9. Hand-off communication will occur at the bedside
10. A safety check will always occur at this time. Safety checks will always occur, even if the patient opts out of bedside report.
11. Patients will be oriented with written and verbal instructions to unit rounding practices upon admission to the nursing unit and preferences determined.
12. In a N2N report involving patient transfers the standard is that there will be a verbal exchange of information between the direct caregivers using the Pass Me Safelee acronym..
13. Faxed reports are not acceptable.



# Acronym

P	Patient	S	Safety and quality concerns
A	Admitting symptoms & diagnosis	A	Activities of Daily Living
S	Significant history	F	Family/Social Concerns
S	System assessment	E	Education
		L	Labs & Diagnostics
M	Medications	E	Equipment
E	Expectations	E	Exit Plan



# Pass Me Safelee Tool

**PLEASE COMPLETE IN PENCIL AND UPDATE EACH SHIFT**

**P**ATIENT: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Identifier: \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Admitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Bedside Report:  Yes  No  
 Code Status: \_\_\_\_\_  Armband  Advance Directives:  Copy in chart  
 Attending Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consult(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**A**DMITTING SYMPTOMS:  
 Admitting Diagnosis/Symptoms: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Op Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Post-Op Day #: \_\_\_\_\_

**S**IGNIFICANT HISTORY / EVENTS:  
 Significant Medical/Surgical History: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Events this hospitalization (ED, OR, units): \_\_\_\_\_

Isolation: \_\_\_\_\_  History of MDRO Date of Screen: \_\_\_\_\_ Culture Results: \_\_\_\_\_

**S**YSTEM ASSESSMENT:  
**VITAL SIGNS** (Last set - actual numbers): Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Temp: \_\_\_\_\_ Pulse: \_\_\_\_\_ Resp Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ BP: \_\_\_\_\_ O2 Sat: \_\_\_\_\_ Oxygen: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 WEIGHTS:  Daily; Intake: \_\_\_\_\_ Output: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEURO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CARDIAC:  Rhythm \_\_\_\_\_  Tele Box # \_\_\_\_\_ Pulses: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPIRATORY: \_\_\_\_\_

GASTROINTESTINAL: \_\_\_\_\_ LBM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GENITOURINARY: \_\_\_\_\_ Catheter Insert Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MUSCULOSKELETAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SKIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surgical Site(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Wound Vac: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Changed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Drain(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wound Care: \_\_\_\_\_

Pressure Ulcer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VASCULAR ACCESS DEVICE**  PICC \_\_\_\_\_ cm Inserted \_\_\_\_\_ arm circ.  
 Date Inserted Gauge Site Fluid/Drips Rate Dressing Change

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**M**EDICATIONS:  
 Significant Medications/Drips: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medication Parameters: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pain Rating/Locations: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Pain Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

**E**XPECTATIONS:  
 Daily Goal/Planned Interventions: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pending Orders: \_\_\_\_\_

**S**AFETY AND QUALITY CONCERNS:  
 Fall Risk  Restraints  VTE Prevention  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**A**DLS:  
 Diet/Nutrition: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistance Needed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**F**AMILY AND SOCIAL CONCERNS:  
 Lives with: \_\_\_\_\_ Healthcare Surrogate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family contact number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**E**DUICATION:  
 Patient/Family Learning/Care Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**L**ABS AND DIAGNOSTICS:  
 Pending/Daily Labs: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dl Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: \_\_\_\_\_ mg/dl  
 Blood Sugars: Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

LAB RESULTS																
Date	Na	K	Bun	Crea	Mg	WBC	Hgb	Hct	Pits	PT	INR	aPTT	CPK	CKMB	Trop	BNP

MISCELLANEOUS LABS								
Date	Test	Results	Date	Test	Results	Date	Test	Results

DIAGNOSTICS / CULTURES	
Date	Test Results

**E**QUIPMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**E**XIT PLAN: \_\_\_\_\_

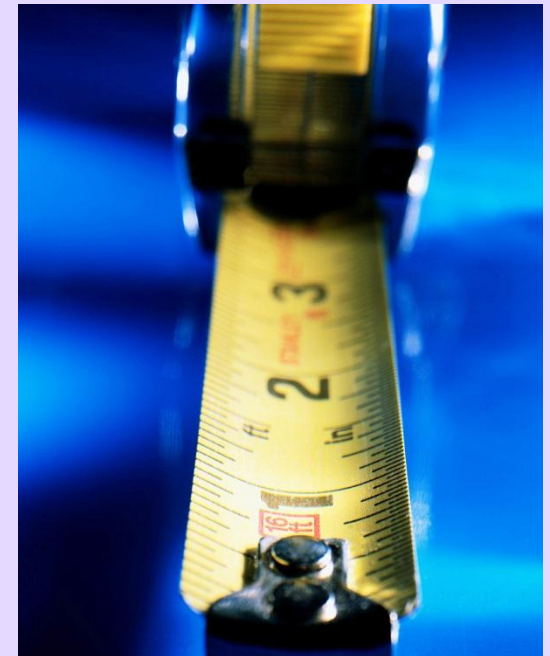
**C**OMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_





# Measurements

- Scorecards
  - Patient Satisfaction Scores
  - Nursing staff report satisfaction surveys
- Anecdotal reports







# Satisfaction Survey

I was able to see all my patients within the first 20-30 minutes of my shift.

Staff is accountable for completing nursing care (i.e. lvs have 300+, dressing changes...

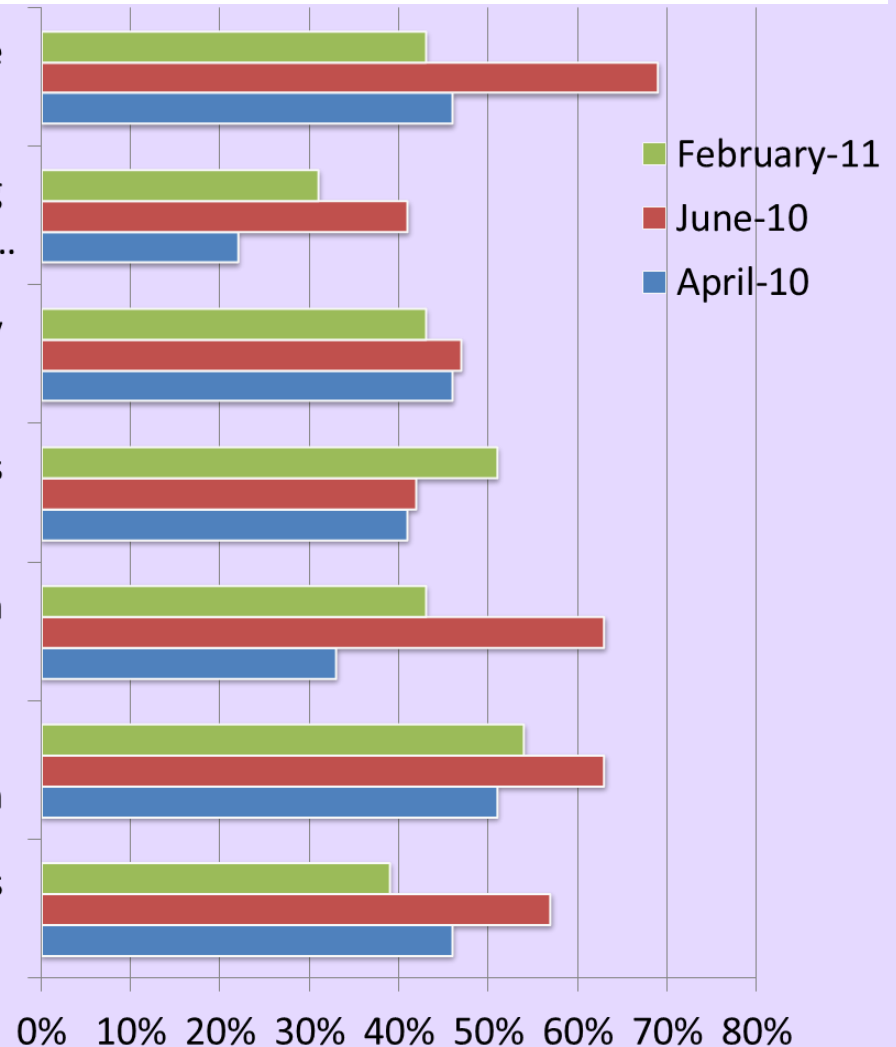
Before I assume care of patients, my questions about the patients are...

Interpersonal relationships between shifts are good

Patient condition matches what I get in report

Shift-to-shift report gives me pertinent information related to patient condition

In the last three months, report time was adequate





# “Good Catch” Stories

- Good catch and near misses
- Nursing staff reports:
  - Feel better prepared to accept transfer of care
  - Report has added value to practice
  - Leaving work on time and more confident
  - Enhanced patient experience “nothing about me without me”



# EBP Journey

- 2009
  - Literature review and analysis
- 2010-Implementation Year
  - The Transfer of Care Bundle
  - Pass Me Safelee acronym and tool
- 2011-Sustaining Year
  - CNA standardized report
- 2012
  - Charge Nurse standardized report