

## Covenant Behavioral Health Tip Sheet

1. You will receive a copy of our report sheet from the charge nurse that details the patients on the unit. On the report sheet you may find multiple different abbreviations:
  - a. RTU- Restrict To Unit- that means the patients are not allowed to leave.
  - b. EP- Elopement precautions- we want to watch these patients closely so that they don't escape.
  - c. SI- Suicidal Ideation
  - d. HI- Homicidal Ideation
  - e. FP- fall precaution
  - f. SA- Suicide Attempt
  - g. SzP- Seizure Precautions
  - h. OPC- order of protective custody- this means the court determined that the patient needs psychiatric treatment, or that we are petitioning the court for court commitment.
  - i. ED- emergency detention- these last 48 hours from the time they are signed (unless weekend or holiday- then it's the next business day), this means a police officer determined that a patient needed psychiatric evaluation.
  - j. Invol.- means patient is involuntarily admitted (i.e. OPC/ED)
  - k. Vol.- means patient is here voluntarily
  - l. ROI- release of information
2. Safety- your safety and the patients' safety is our top priority. We do group report and this is where you will learn about any patients who are aggressive/combative/agitated. We will not place you or ourselves in any situation that could result in your harm. So please do not let your worry for your safety impede you from having an amazing time on our unit, we are a very safe unit with very very low levels of assault.
3. Things you can do while on the unit: help our aids/techs complete vital signs, pass out meal trays, answer our patient window-provide pt with food/drink, sit in the dayroom and interact with our patients, play games with our patients, complete accudata checks, perform wound care with nurse, and/or go with your nurse while he/she does medication administration or completes assessments.

4. If you need H&P's on patients please do so from a free computer. You should have access to the H&Ps in your student EMR.