

Welcome to Renal Telemetry!

E. Whitley's office is #197. Office number is 806-725-8915. Cell phone number is (806)786-7397. **If you are going to be absent from clinical, please text by 0630 and leave a message for Mrs. Duriex (535-1199).**

Arrive on the unit by your assigned time (0630). Be sure to dress in uniform according to the CSON dress code. Turn in paperwork at the beginning of each clinical day for me to evaluate. Poorly prepared or lack of paperwork will risk the consequence of getting a NI or U on evaluation.

IMPORTANT: I encourage each of you to seek out learning opportunities. Utilize your TPCN for information and opportunity seeking. Do not camp in the conference room, at the nurses' station, or sit idly. Do not work on school assignments during clinical hours. Answer call lights and assist fellow classmates and other staff with their duties. **If you are going to give medications with your nurse, as I encourage you to do, be prepared to answer any questions I may have about the medications you administered.**

Report is given nurse to nurse. **Do not leave information regarding patients on the counter tops of the nurses' station or isolation carts outside patient rooms (HIPPA).** Do not take home any patient information (including MAR).

Patient vital signs and assessments must be recorded in a timely manner. Vital signs should be completed and in the chart by 0800, and before we leave for lunch at 1145. Some of the patients will be leaving for dialysis by 0630. Vital signs are performed and recorded on the graphics page of the EMR every 4 hours unless otherwise ordered. If your patient has returned from a procedure, vital signs should be assessed, and additional monitoring may be required. Notify your TPCN of significant changes in the patient's vital signs.

Breakfast and lunch are served by dietary. Be sure to organize your a.m. care accordingly. Record the percentage of the diet eaten if you take the tray out of the room. Pay careful attention to the amount of liquid your patients ingest. Include any IV fluids or liquid medications on the intake record. Most dialysis patients are restricted in the intake of fluids to 1000 – 1200 mL per 24 hours.

Complete a.m. care/bath/shower/treatments after breakfast unless otherwise ordered/requested. **Be sure to complete the physical assessment in a timely manner. Remember patient safety:** Do not leave your patient's room while he/she is in the shower. Assist patients to and from the bathroom as needed. Be sure the patients' beds are in low position; tray tables and call lights in reach, telephones, tissues, and anything else patients ask. Remove the telemetry unit before your patient showers or leaves the floor and reapply the unit when the patient gets back in bed. Call the monitor tech to notify the monitor tech if you are going to take your patient off of Tele for any reason, they should also be notified once they are placed back on Tele to ensure proper reading. Monitor Tech number is 51006.

****Make sure that you report and document all findings I.E: Assessment (on paper), Intake/Output, Blood Sugars, Vital Signs, Baths, Linen Changes, Dressing Changes****

On Wednesday, students will turn in a list of their medications for their patient. Students will need to write up all medications that the patient has received in the last 24 hours, including PRN's and one-time orders.

For the First Week of clinicals ONLY look up these additional 5:

Lispro

Glargine

Metoprolol

Vancomycin

Prednisone