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SBAR Communication Template

Fill in before you call a provider or give a handoff. Use for clinical practice and simulation.

DATE	TIME	UNIT / ROOM	PATIENT INITIALS ONLY

CALLER (NAME, ROLE)	PROVIDER OR NURSE CONTACTED

BEFORE YOU CALL

- ☐ Assessed the patient myself
- ☐ Allergies
- ☐ Latest labs and results, with times
- ☐ Current and previous vital signs
- ☐ Code status
- ☐ Chart open in front of me
- ☐ Admitting diagnosis and history
- ☐ Recent medications given
- ☐ I know what I am asking for

S — Situation

I am (name, role, unit). I am calling about (patient, room). The problem is: (one sentence, key abnormal finding).

B — Background

Age, admitting diagnosis and date. Relevant history. Recent treatment or medications. Last normal values and when.

A — Assessment

Vital signs now: T ____ HR ____ RR ____ BP _____ SpO2 ____ on _____ Pain ____. Focused findings. What I have already done. I think the problem is / I am concerned about:

R — Recommendation

I am requesting (see the patient, orders, transfer, tests) within (time). If the patient gets worse before then, I will:

Orders Received

- ☐ Read back and confirmed by provider

Escalation Plan

If no response within ____ minutes or the patient deteriorates:

- ☐ Call again / next in chain of command
- ☐ Rapid response team
- ☐ Charge nurse informed

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