

Patient Safety



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Welcome to the Patient Safety Newsletter...

This month we are talking hover jacks! This new piece of transfer equipment has arrived on all of the ICUs across the trust! It is a flat lifting piece of equipment that allows patients to be safely and effectively transferred following a fall. This is the correct way to move a patient off the floor if they are presenting with any possibly fracture or injury post fall.

Staff will also be advised to use it as the main way to transfer patients off the floor. It is straightforward to use, comfortable for the patient and easy to clean from an infection control perspective.

Each ICU will have one hover jack to be shared between the wards, and Heba Jackson will be now rolling out training with support from Rory Brown the new Patient Moving and Handling trainer! So watch out for this coming soon!

Best Wishes,

Debbie, Charlotte, Hannah and Thomas



Taking photos of pressure ulcers

Wound photography is an important part of wound care and assessment. We have noticed in some recent Datix incident reports that not all pressure ulcer incidents have a photo attached to the Datix. A photo provides visual evidence of that pressure ulcer and helps senior staff within the team or the TVN to review the incident report. This is needed as part of the investigation.

Please can all staff ensure that photos are taken of the pressure ulcer as per the guidelines and uploaded to Datix when an incident is reported to ensure a thorough review of the incident.

Enhancing our care!

A recent theme in incidents reported on the ICUs is that enhanced care assessments have not been completed for patients on admission.

The enhanced care assessment enables staff to formally assess the patient and decide on the level of observation they require to maintain their safety.

For example whether the patient needs a level of enhanced care or placement in a cohort bay.

Staff are therefore encouraged to complete this on admission for all patients to evidence that this thorough assessment is completed and documented, with clear plans in place for patients.

Patient Safety News Flash — Coming soon!

Following the work being done on Communication and Visual Impairment, the Royal National Institute Of Blind People (RBNi) have offered the trust 400 places on an education and training course. This will be a fantastic opportunity for staff and a really interesting course! There will be more information about this coming soon!

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An update from our Deteriorating Patient and Resuscitation Lead!

UK Resuscitation Council (UKRC) have updated their Anaphylaxis Treatment Algorithm: [Emergency management of anaphylaxis 2021](#); [Anaphylaxis guidelines 2021](#) poster and [Management of refractory anaphylaxis 2021](#) poster.

Staff should be aware that any new anaphylaxis shock packs will contain the new UKRC 2021 guideline equipment and acute management poster printed on the back of the box and the main changes are that the new packs will contain:

- Two Adrenaline 1:1,000 1ml ampoules instead of three,
- Only 23 G needles (21 G needles have been removed)
- 2 filter needles and 2 medical device swabs (not present in the current packs)

Going forward, the Trust's Pharmacy will prepare the kits based on the new recommendations and a further communication will be issued when this happens.

Any concerns please contact: Ian Hubbard—Deteriorating Patient and Resuscitation Lead

Mustard's Lightbulb Moment— Ensuring effective communication

Hello humans- a wise chum of mine once told me 'things are not always as they seem'. I ventured out with Oska the other day and we were meant to find a Pork Pie - scrummy! But Oska led me to a Pumpkin patch - frightening to say the least and not so tasty. Turns out Oska needed a little guiding, had I asked Oska the right questions, I would have found out he was partially deaf and could have spent a little more time explaining. I heard two of SCFT inpatient units are raising awareness of disabilities through piloting the widely recognised Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme. The ways in which we communicate with others really go along way, not only does it produce better outcomes for patients but also gets you to slow down and think. Good news though chums Oska found some wotsits in the back on the car, unbelievably happy and better than a Pork Pie!



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