

A primary responsibility of nursing is to follow physician/provider orders. A standard process to ensure orders are accurate is required each shift.

Shift Chart Check

Objective: To verify that all relevant orders are initiated, duplicate or inappropriate orders are discontinued, and that required documentation is addressed.

Night Shift

Check for AM lab orders early in shift.	If you would expect AM labs but see none, call physician _____
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All Shifts

Activate any Observation or Inpatient Patient Status Order	Everyone admitted to inpatient floor needs a PSO activated. <i>(track your progress in blanks below)</i> If PSO still in Planned State, activate it _____ If no PSO, inform provider to obtain _____
Review any Power Plan in a <i>Planned</i> state	Do orders appear appropriate: close to correct date, appropriate to service line, patient condition? If yes, initiate orders _____ If no, clarify w/ provider _____
Check for expired Power Orders Ex. PACU pain med dosages for patient on floor	d/c expired/invalid orders use physician name who wrote most recent order Choose Communication Type – Chart Clean Up _____
Look for duplicate orders	D/C oldest version of duplicate order; use same method as above _____
Do insulin doses match glucometer checks?	Is this concern urgent? Yes – page physician _____ No – Address in RN- MD rounding _____
Are IPOCs up to date?	Correct before leaving shift _____
Is Task List current?	Complete all applicable tasks. If unsure, chart Not Done, Completing Patient Task list _____
Is patient education documented?	Address before leaving shift; include educational needs in hand off to following shift _____
Are hygiene and mobility care documented?	Address before leaving shift; include hygiene and mobility needs in handoff