

Why Bedside Reporting?

Bedside Reporting is the right choice to improve patient experience, and ensure a safe and seamless transition between nurses.

I give a good report
no matter where I
am!

We know you do- but Bedside Reporting is about more than giving report. It's about engaging the patient and doing vital safety checks in the room with your fellow nurse.

Remember: Use report to inform the oncoming nurse, engage your patient, and make sure that safety checks are complete!

I don't have time to
do Bedside Report!

Studies show that with practice and proactive patient preparation, Bedside Report can actually go faster than report elsewhere!

Remember: Ask your patient in advance if they'd like to participate in Bedside Reporting and take care of their immediate needs before report begins to help expedite the process.

I can't say certain
things in front of a
patient or their
family!

Use your professional judgement to determine what information is important to share with the patient, and what information should only be shared with the Oncoming Nurse.

Try saying: "Before we go into the patient's room, let's quickly discuss..."

My patient doesn't
want to participate
in Bedside Report!

That's not a problem! You should still take time to go into the patient's room and conduct vital safety checks.

Remember: Just because the patient opts out of participating in Bedside Report this time, it doesn't mean that they never want to participate. Remember to ask about their participation preferences before the next shift change!

Why Hourly Rounding?

Hourly Rounding means making a purposeful visit to your patient at least once an hour and prompting them about their needs- including pain, position, potty, and possessions. Hourly Rounding has been shown to improve patient experience, as well to reduce falls, pressure ulcers, and call lights.

I'm already in the room more than once an hour!

That's great! Just remember to prompt the patient on their needs at least once an hour while you're already in the room! No need to make an extra trip!

Remember: Prompting patients on their needs on an hourly basis has been shown to have many benefits to patient care, so make time to ask every hour.

I have an ICU patient!

Hourly Rounding is a great way reminder to purposefully engage with the patient or family every hour- even if some of the 4 Ps don't necessarily apply.

Remember: Put yourself in the patient or family's shoes. Knowing that your nurse takes time to regularly check in on their patient's needs and questions builds trust and confidence in their care!

My patient doesn't want to be bothered!

Balance the patient's desire for privacy with the need to keep them safe by acknowledging their request and taking steps to ensure their needs are still met.

Try saying: "I understand. I need to check on you from time to time to make sure you are safe. I will do my best to be quiet and let you rest. "

I can't remember to sign my clock/sheet/change the magnet!

Hourly Rounding is about more than checking a box. While the sheet is necessary to try to measure how a unit is performing, the real goal of Hourly Rounding is strengthen your relationship with your patient and proactively meet their needs.

Remember: The real value of Hourly Rounding is the way that you make your patients feel- supported and confident in their care!