

# S-B-A-R

## Report to Physician

### BEFORE CALLING THE PHYSICIAN:

1. Assess the patient
2. Review the chart for the appropriate physician to call
3. Know the admitting diagnosis
4. Read the most recent **PROGRESS NOTE** and the assessment from the RN of the prior shift
5. Know the **CODE STATUS / POLST / INTENSITY OF CARE / PIC**
6. Keep your information **concise**
7. Have available when speaking with the physician:  
**CHART, ALLERGIES, MEDS, IV FLUIDS, LABS / RESULTS**

# S

### **SITUATION:** (State the situation, issue or circumstance of what is going on)

- State your name and hospital/unit/SNF/Hospice
- I am calling about (**Patient Name, Attending Physician**)
- The **problem** I am calling about is: \_\_\_\_\_

# B

### **BACKGROUND:** (Give history, background and any other information pertinent to what has led up to the event that is going on now)

- State the **admission diagnosis and date of admission**
- State the pertinent **medical history**
- Give a brief synopsis of the pertinent **treatment to date**

# A

### **ASSESSMENT:** (Inform the MD of your assessment)

#### Most recent vital signs:

BP\_\_\_ Pulse\_\_\_ Respirations\_\_\_ Temperature\_\_\_ Pain level\_\_\_  
Patient is\_\_\_ is not\_\_\_ on oxygen. Amount of oxygen\_\_\_ O2 Sats. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Any changes from prior assessments, such as:

Mental status	Respiratory rate/quality	Wound drainage
Skin color	Pulse rate/quality	GI/GU (nausea/vomiting)
Neuro checks	Critical lab values	Pain
Musculoskeletal	Oxygen Saturation	I/O status

# R

### **RECOMMENDATION:** (Discuss what you think you need to resolve the problem)

#### I recommend you:

- Come to see the patient when possible
- Talk to the family about **Code Status**
- Ask for a consult
- Transfer to acute care
- Other suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

#### Are there any tests needed?

- Xray, CBC, Metabolic Panel, other lab tests?
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### If a change in treatment is ordered, then ask:

- How often do you want vital signs? \_\_\_\_\_
- Would you like to specify call parameters?
- If the patient doesn't improve, when would you like us to call again? \_\_\_\_\_

**READ BACK ALL VERBAL OR TELEPHONE ORDERS**