Benefits of Bedside Reporting
4/5/6 RW

1. Reassures the patient the staff works as a team and that everyone knows the plan of care.
2. Patients can ask questions or add information.
3. Better informed patients are less anxious and more likely to follow medical advice.
4. Patients are apt to start treatments earlier.
5. Patients involved in their care are more satisfied and litigate less.
6. Patient satisfaction translates into loyal customers.
7. Oncoming nurse visualizes patient immediately and prioritizes care for the shift.
8. Nurses more prepared to answer MD questions.
9. Nurses can better prioritize care activities with the Care Partners.
10. Experiential learning occurs.
11. Accountability is shared by both shifts.

Potential Concerns

1. I don’t know how to do this! You’ll have a coach
2. I might say the wrong thing!
3. The patients will request pain meds, bathroom needs….since I’m in the room. Rounding beforehand will help.
4. It will take too long. Will actually cut down on non-essential reporting/personal comments…..
5. What if I’m getting a patient from RR at the change of shift? What would you normally do?
6. What if my patient is unstable or worse, is coding? You wouldn’t handle this situation any different than before.