ISBAR Clinical Communication Tool Guide



Ι	 IDENTITY OF SELF AND PATIENT Introduce self, position and location Supply patients' name / age / URN / ward / team
S	 SITUATION Reason for communication Severity and urgency of review Current clinical status (stable / unstable) / issue / concerns (i.e., what is happening now) Admission and current diagnosis
В	 BACKGROUND Clinical background - relevant past medical/surgical hx, medication allergies, Acute Resuscitation Plans (ARP), social issues of note Relevant circumstances/context leading up to the situation
Α	 ASSESSMENT AND RATIONALE Relevant assessment findings, include Early Warning Score (EWS), primary assessment findings, problem-focused exam findings, and current vital signs Other relevant information, e.g., tests performed, blood results, infusions running, urine output, fluid balance
R	 RESPONSE AND RATIONALE Ask for additional advice/recommendations to help manage the situation Clarify expectations and discuss /assign individual responsibility for conducting tasks Specify level of urgency with timeframes for receiving assistance (if required)





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Т	TIME OF INCIDENT AND ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL Plus the time of incident
Μ	 MECHANISM OF INJURY This should include: The gross mechanism of injury (e.g., motor vehicle accident or stab wound to the chest) and Details of other factors known to be associated with major injury e.g., entrapment, vehicle rollover, occupant ejected from vehicle
I	INJURIES SUSTAINED Seen or suspected
S	 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS Vital signs including heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, oxygen saturation and Glasgow Coma Score An indication as to whether the physiological state of the patient has improved or deteriorated since first seen
Т	TREATMENT GIVEN What treatment was given?

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