Daily Clinical Rounds

Purpose

A daily clinical round is the nurse leader's opportunity to connect with staff and residents, gain valuable information, reinforce consistency of standards, and model clinical leadership behaviors and skills.

Directions

The director of nursing services (DNS) may designate a nurse leader to complete a daily clinical round, using this tool as a guide, where they are responsible for clinical oversight. They may round on every resident or a sample of residents, depending on the expectations and policy for rounding. The Daily Clinical Rounds tool can also be incorporated into survey readiness efforts. See directions below if using the tool for this purpose.

Every month, select a mock survey sample, comprised of 20% of the resident census (but no more than 35 residents) who would likely be included in the annual survey sample. Use information from the following sources to inform the selection of the resident sample each month:

a. **Triggers from the MDS 3.0 Facility and Resident Level Quality Measure Report**
b. **CMS 802-Matrix for Providers**
c. **Facility Reported Incidents (FRIs)**
d. **New admissions within the last 30 days**
e. **Vulnerable residents, such as a resident who has Alzheimer's, is dependent on staff for care, or is quadriplegic**
f. **Identified concerns: included in the previous survey sample with same trigger still present, other state agency involved with resident's case, other situations or dynamics that pose a concern or risk**
g. **Clinical conditions: pressure ulcers, dialysis, hospice, low-risk bowel and bladder conditions, ADL decline, unplanned hospitalizations, change of condition, use of high-risk medications, level II screening, clinically complex care needs**
h. **Other: smoker, elopement, resident representative or resident has expressed concerns with the facility's services**

Use the monthly mock sample of residents to conduct rounds, ensuring that specific needs identified in the care plan are met and that compliance with high-risk services is met, such as infection control practices. Inquire about resident satisfaction with care and services. Issues of potential non-compliance or problematic patterns can be addressed timely during rounds and brought to the attention of the DNS. Just as importantly, the nurse leader can praise and reinforce care that meets expectations of compliance and provide clinical leadership to ensure the resident's needs are met.

DAILY CLINICAL FOCUS	RESIDENT INITIALS				
Date: _____ **Location:** _____					
Resident's respiratory status is stable - *respirations regular and unlabored; O_2 correct flow; tubing bagged, dated, off floor; tanks full; humidifier h_2O and filters clean*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident's tracheostomy is secure - *extra inner cannula visible; suction machine is at bedside and clean; stoma dressing clean*	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Room is clean and safe - *free of clutter and odors; call light within reach; water pitcher available*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident is well groomed - *clothing, hair, and nails clean; facial hair trimmed*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Satisfaction and quality of life - *Is there something we can do for you that we aren't doing now? Is there a staff member who did an excellent job caring for you? Are your personal wishes and interests respected here?*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident is comfortable and mood is stable - *pain managed; pain patch in place; positioned correctly; psychosocial needs met - how are you feeling today?*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident has pressure-relieving devices in place - *bed inflated properly; cushion in wheelchair; pillows used for positioning and pressure relief*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident's wound dressings are current - *dated and initialed*	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident's urinary catheter is patent; urine color and amount normal for resident *- bag covered; tubing looped and off floor*	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident is receiving nutrition via G-Tube - *pump flow correct and patent; bag and syringe dated and clean; stoma dressing clean*	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident is receiving IV Therapy - *solution or medication is correct; flow rate is correct; site free of infection; dressing dated and initialed*	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident has assistive devices in place - *splint, braces, glasses, dentures*	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ N/A ○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up
Resident is stable - *needs related to a change in condition, new injury, or psychosocial are met*	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up	○ Yes ○ No ○ Follow up

OBSERVATION NOTES	
Environment is clean and safe – *hallways and work areas are clean and free of clutter, and odors are fleeting*	
Infection control and prevention practices are being done - *staff are washing hands, handling linen correctly, and following transmission-based precautions*	
Care team members have the resources they need – *Ask a sample of staff: do you have what you need to do your job today?*	
Care team members communicate concerns - *Ask a sample of staff: are there any residents you're concerned about?*	
Care team members support each other – *Ask a sample of staff: who needs a thumbs up? What is working well?*	