

## What You Need to Know About – West 9

### **West 9 – Surgical-Medical Unit**

West 9 is a 24-bed acute care unit. The patient focus is general surgery, urology, gynecology, and ENT. Nurses may also care for medical patients with varying diagnoses especially during viral season. Typical patients cared for include appendicitis, bowel obstruction, pectus/ravitch procedures, UPJ obstructions and ostomy/ileostomy placements.

<b>Mission Statement</b>	The mission of West 9 is to promote health, comfort, and safety. We coach children and families through difficult challenges to gain independence. By working together as a team, we help miracles happen every day.
<b>Location</b>	West tower, 9 <sup>th</sup> floor (Sister unit to West 10)
<b>Exclusionary patients</b>	Float nurses will not be assigned to patients requiring burn care. Float nurses may care for a burn patient who does not require dressing changes.
<b>Getting Assignment</b>	West 9 Report Room
<b>Safety Huddle</b>	West 9 Report Room @ 0655 and 1855
<b>Vital Signs I&amp;O IV checks</b>	Vital signs are routine q4hrs or according to physician order; some patients require more frequent monitoring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IV's, syringe pumps, &amp; Kangaroo pumps are recorded by RN every hour</li> <li>• Foley bags are emptied and recorded with VS (at least every <b>4-8</b> hours.)</li> </ul>
<b>Weights</b>	Weights are done every Monday and Thursday or per provider orders.
<b>Labs (RN draws)</b>	<b><i>Morning RN draws are done by the night shift between 0500-0600</i></b>
<b>Medication Administration &amp; Classification</b>	Scheduled medications and some PRN meds are stocked in the patient's medication drawer in their room. PRN medications and IV bags are located in the Omnicell. There is an Omnicell in the Medication room by the B station.
<b>Supplies</b>	There is a limited # of supplies located in the nurse server in each room (syringes, alcohol wipes, gauze, etc.). All other supplies are available in the supply room or via distribution.
<b>Monitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulse oximeter and CR monitors when indicated. We can do central monitoring as well.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN's are assigned up to 3-4 patients.</li> <li>• Care Partners are assigned between 4-6 patients.</li> <li>• RN/Care Partner team can have an average of 3-6 patients.</li> <li>• The unit admits many surgical patients per day, so nurses will admit at least one patient per shift.</li> <li>• Many of our patients have a PCA and/or an Epidural for pain control and comfort</li> </ul> <p>West 9 has a consistent care giver system for children who have lengthy hospital stays, challenging diagnoses, or challenging families. It is important to remember the strength that the nurse/patient relationship plays in promoting positive outcomes and patient and nurse satisfaction. When caring for child remember to consider the relationship and its impact as you provide care for a learning experience.</p>

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