

## What You Need to Know About West 10 Inpatient Surgical Unit

West 10 is a 24-bed acute care inpatient surgical unit. The population focus is on orthopedics, trauma, general surgery, and urology. Overflow of procedural short stay patients are also a part of admissions to the unit although the average stay regardless of the procedure is 2-3 days. Nurses may also care for medical diagnoses, especially during viral season.

<b>Mission Statement</b>	<p>The mission of West 10 is to promote health, comfort, and safety for all patients and families. We care for and coach children and families through challenges to gain independence after surgical procedures along with providing safe care.</p> <p>The strength of the nurse/patient relationship comes in promoting positive outcomes as well as family and trauma centered care that impacts the experiences of our patients and families.</p>
<b>Location</b>	West tower, 10 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>Getting Assignment</b>	<b>West 10 Center Nurses Station or West 10 Report Room</b>
<b>Safety Huddle</b>	<b>West 10 Report Room at 0700 and 1900</b>
<b>Vital Signs I&amp;O IV checks</b>	<p>Vital signs are routinely every 4 hours or according to physician order; some patients require more frequent monitoring and I&amp;O charting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strict I&amp;Os charted in real time</li> <li>• PIV checks done every hour</li> <li>• Foley bags and drains are emptied and recorded every 4 hours</li> </ul>
<b>Weights</b>	All patients are to have an updated weight every 72 hours or according to provider order.
<b>Labs (RN draws)</b>	Morning RN draws are done by the night shift 0500-0600. All central line labs are drawn by the unit RNs. Unit nurses are also able to draw labs from a PIV (except blood cultures). Lab can also be ordered to conduct blood draws.
<b>Medication Administration &amp; Classification</b>	Scheduled and PRN medications are stocked either in the medication drawer in the patient room or in the Omnicell located in the center nurses station medication room. The MAR states location of medication as Omnicell or Central Pharmacy.
<b>Supplies</b>	Some smaller frequently used supplies are located in the nurse server in each room (syringes, alcohol wipes, gauze, etc.). All other supplies are available in the supply room or ordered from distribution.
<b>Monitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pulse oximetry and cardiac monitors when ordered and for post-operative monitoring. Patients are connected to central monitoring but W10 is not a cardiac unit so nurses do not read rhythms.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RN's are assigned patients according to the acuity of the nursing workload for each patient and generally equates to 3-4 patients on days and 4-5 on nights.</li> <li>• Nursing assistants conduct patient care according to patient care needs.</li> <li>• Admissions and discharges vary depending on the surgery schedule.</li> </ul>

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