

What You Need to Know About – West 3

Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) - W3

The Cardiac Intensive Care Unit is a 24-bed pediatric critical care unit. Staff provide admission-to-discharge care for children with cardiac anomalies requiring surgical or medical management.

What makes a patient 1:2 on W3?

It has to do with stability. Limited invasive lines, adequate cardiac output and reserves, relatively easy to calm. Sometimes, we leave a patient alone if a parent is coming in for extensive teaching, or if this patient is alone, we assign this RN to be a helper for a patient who is really needs 1 ½ RNs to conserve our resources and avoid 2:1 if possible.

What does a 1:1 look like on W3?

Intubated, several drips, hemodynamically compromised, CRRT, open chest, heart lines, frequent order changes, labs, new admits, extra monitoring due to pheresis. Sometimes, a patient looks stable, however they have little to no reserve or cardiac output and cannot be paired do to their highly vulnerable state.

Location	West tower, 3 rd floor
Getting Assignment	ICU Report Room
Getting Report	General unit awareness for all patients on the floor then 1:1 at bedside
Vital Signs I&O IV checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous monitoring, at <u>least</u> respiratory rate, HR & POX, If stable vitals on noc are q2-4hr • IV checks & I&O totals hourly
Labs (RN draws)	RN draws off arterial/central lines
Medication Administration & Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each patient room has a locked med drawer with individual patient medication. • Unit specific-check with resource person prior to administering. • 0700-2200, pharmacist on unit (most of the time) • 2300-0700, resource pharmacist
Supplies	Bedside carts, pharmacy, supply rooms, PAR system in place for obtaining supplies
Monitors	Bedside & central monitors
Alert System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit intercom for patient calls, Staff Assist, and Code response • Voalte phones • Public Safety
Other	Every RN, as well as other members of the multidisciplinary team, carries a Voalte phone

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