

What You Need to Know About – West 5

West 5: West 5 is a 24-bed acute care unit. Staff members on West 5 provide care for cardiology and CV surgery, nephrology, hepatology, heart, kidney and liver transplant, hematology, viral oncology requiring negative pressure accommodations, and rheumatology patients.

Getting Assignment	West 5 Report Room
Getting Report	RN-RN report at various locations around unit
Chart location	Blue chart is on the rack behind the nursing station.
Rounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedside rounds occur on patients between 0830 and 1130 daily. • RN caring for patient will get a Voalte message to notify them of rounds.
Locker room/lunch room	Near back door of unit by X elevators on West 5.
Vital Signs I&O IV checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thermometers and cardiac monitors with blood pressure and pulse oximeter cords attached are at each bedside (Clean with disinfectant after discharge). • Use the Cardio-Respiratory monitor for patients when cardiac monitoring or continuous pulse oximetry is ordered. • Vital signs are routine q4hrs or according to order or based RN judgment using BPEWS scoring tool. • Large volume infusion pumps, syringe pumps, & Kangaroo pumps have totals recorded/cleared every hour. CP's may clear Kangaroo pumps only.
Linens	In center of unit in supply room (badge access)
Medication Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medication room is behind the B station near rooms 510-514 (badge access) • RNs do aerosol treatments.
Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply room in center of room station (badge access) • Equipment: clean kept in supply room; dirty goes into dirty utility Room in the hallway through the center of the unit • Place used food trays in dirty utility room • Scales in alcoves near the A and B nursing stations. • Movies: List by HUC desk. Please check movies in and out with patient nurse or HUC. • Playroom: Behind A nursing station near entrance to unit. Additional toys and gaming systems may be located in the 2nd supply room near the back entrance to the unit (badge access)
Monitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiac monitor present in every patient room. • All monitors plugged into Rauland's and checked by nurse q shift and upon return to patient room after a test or surgery.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comfort baths may be used on patients over 2 months of age; daily bath/shower and twice daily oral cares should be performed. • Daily CHG Baths for all patients with Central Venous Access Device. • Use Barrier Cloths with peri cares for patients at risk for skin breakdown or with breakdown present. • RN's are assigned approx. 3-4 patients. • Care Partners are assigned between 3-4 patients. • Breast milk fridge located in nutrition room near pt room 505; Breast milk freezer in 2nd supply room near the back entrance to the unit (badge access) • All equipment owned by W5 must be cleaned by W5 staff/students at discharge and returned to the unit supply room.

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