

What You Need to Know About – West 9

West 9 – Shorter Stay & Burn Unit

West 9 is a 24-bed acute care unit. The length in stay is usually between 24-48 hours. The patient focus is general surgery, ENT, Green & Silver hospitalist teams. Nurses may also care for medical patients with varying diagnoses especially during viral season. Typical patients cared for include appendicitis, tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy, burns and observational patients.

Mission Statement	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.
Location	West tower, 9 th floor
Exclusionary patients	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.
Getting Assignment	West 9 Report Room
Safety Huddle	West 9 Report Room @ 0655 and 1855
Vital Signs I&O IV checks	Vital signs are routine q4hrs or according to physician order; some patients require more frequent monitoring. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IV's, syringe pumps, & Kangaroo pumps are recorded by RN every hour • Foley bags are emptied and recorded with VS (at least every 4-8 hours.)
Weights	Weights are done every Monday and Thursday or per provider orders.
Labs (RN draws)	<i>Morning RN draws are done by the night shift between 0500-0600</i>
Medication Administration & Classification	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.
Supplies	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.
Monitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulse oximeter and CR monitors when indicated. We can do central monitoring as well.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN's are assigned up to 3-4 patients • LPN's are assigned • Care Partners are assigned between 4-6 patients. • RN/LPN/Care Partner team can have an average of 3-6 patients. • The unit admits many surgical patients per day, so nurses will admit at least one patient per shift. <p>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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