

## What You Need to Know About – West-10

### **West 10 – Surgical-Medical Unit**

West 10 is a 24-bed acute care unit. Patients here include orthopedic, including orthopedic spinal fusion, plastics, ear/nose/throat surgery or those recovering from trauma. Nurses also care for hematology patients with sickle cell disease and bleeding disorders and oncology patients with viral illnesses. Some hematology.

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| <b>Mission Statement</b>                              | The mission of West 10 is to promote health, comfort, and safety. We coach children and families through challenges to gain independence. By working together as a team, we help miracles happen every day.   |
| <b>Location</b>                                       | West tower, 10 <sup>th</sup> floor (Sister unit is West 9)  |
| <b>Exclusionary patients</b>                          | Float nurses will not be asked to set up traction for a new admission. May care for a patient already in traction.  |
| <b>Getting Assignment</b>                             | <b>West 10 Report Room</b>  |
| <b>Getting Report</b>                                 | Verbal using Epic Handoff Tool  |
| <b>Vital Signs<br/>I&amp;O<br/>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>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 Medselect. There is a Medselect 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.) These items need to be restocked by the nurse and/or care partner. Other patient supplies are in the supply room with the PAR system. The nurse should also check off supply items on the charge tab in Epic   |
| <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>• Populations of children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Orthopedic</li> <li>❖ Trauma</li> <li>❖ Specialty surgery (ENT, plastics, ophthalmology, dental, radiology)</li> <li>❖ Medical (as needed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ West 10 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.</li> </ul> |

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