

What You Need to Know About – West 11

West 11 - Medical Unit

West 11 is a 24-bed acute care unit. Nurses on this unit cares for medical patients. Some of the main diagnoses include gastroenterology, endocrine/diabetes, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary and adolescent eating disorders, in addition to other general medical diagnoses.

Location	West Tower, 11 th floor
Getting Assignment	Conference Room A (south hall) RNs typically have 3-4 patients CPs may have 4-6 patients and usually work with more than 1 RN.
Chart Location	Blue located at each bedside; majority of patient information found in electronic medical record
Getting Report	Beginning of shift report includes RN and/or CP patient assignment, as well as brief updates on confidential patients or special situations. Additional written and/or oral report is given at the bedside.
Vital Signs I&O IV checks	Routine VS done every 4 hours or as ordered; temp route varies; heart rate and respiratory rate should be measured apically and assessed for one full minute. Dinamapp, thermometer, pulse oximeter in every room. Clear IV's and document hourly in Epic; totals can be viewed using intake and output activity. Weights done on nights or at start of day shift (early am) to be available for MD rounds.
Labs (RN draws)	0600 if ordered as routine
Medication Administration & Classification	Non-refrigerated meds & some basic IV supplies in med drawer in patient room. Refrigerated meds in med room at Team Station B. RNs do routine aerosol treatments, unless ordered to be given with PEP or vest therapy. Classification done every shift; needs to consider anticipated activities on the next shift. Insulin pens to be used by West 11 nurses only.
Supplies	Supplies & scales in clean utility room; Par Excellence system in use for charging some items; other chargeable items should be accounted for in the charge capture activity within Epic. Isolation supplies in Nurse server in each patient room. Linens in linen room.
Monitors	MD order or check with resource person. CRMs do connect with central monitoring at Team Station B. Epic order for cardiac monitor contains parameters for programming monitor.
Alert System	Pulse oximeters & IVs should be plugged into nurse call wall jack.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KVO is 5cc/hr for 6 month and younger or 10cc/hr for patients greater than 6 months. • RN's carry pagers linked to nurse call system and Vocera voice call devices. • It is an expectation that RNs will participate in both Family-centered Rounds by the MDs.

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