5 Tower Medical-Surgical to Telemetry Transition

Plan:

Provide technological and educational support to transition 5 Tower from a medical-surgical unit to a telemetry supported unit.

Nursing and support staff will be assigned specific training dates for *Introduction to Cardiovascular*, *EKG: Basic Dysrhythmia Interpretation* and dedicated *Advanced Cardiac Life Support* 2-day classes.

In addition to classroom training, staff is scheduled for shifts with telemetry nurses to orient to telemetry standards of practice.

Cardiovascular pharmacology is reviewed in the *Introduction to Cardiovascular* course and each staff member is provided with a pharmacological quick reference sheet.

Telemetry box and cable usage reviewed in *Introduction to Cardiovascular* as well as proper application to patient.

The Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA) protocol is provided through a self-study packet with a post-test upon completion of the provided material.

Various shifts (day, night, weekday, weekend) provided with in-services over a two week period reviewing the crash cart contents, defibrillator review, case scenarios, mock codes.

Follow-up EKG practice strips provided to staff for review and practice.

Technological review of telemetry boxes and cables offered at bedside by manufacture representative during day and night shift on opening day.

Schedule:

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**EKG: Basic Dysrhythmia Interpretation 2-Day Course**

Two sets of EKG class offerings dedicated to preparing the 5 Tower staff for telemetry based care. This course serves as an introduction to basic rhythm interpretation, recognition of lethal arrhythmias, specific EKG characteristics, possible causes, signs and symptoms and possible management options.

**Advanced Cardiac Life Support 2-Day Course**

Two sets of ACLS class offerings dedicated solely to train 5 Tower staff. This course provides knowledge and skills of ACLS based on American Heart Association standards.

**Introduction to Cardiovascular**

Two Intro to CV class offerings dedicated solely to prepare 5 Tower staff for telemetry based nursing. This course serves as an introduction to nurses to the cardiovascular system which will help nurses understand how to care for the cardiac patient on a telemetry monitor.

**CIWA Self-Study Packet**

This self-study packet is designed to educate the clinician to appropriately assess, monitor, treat, and evaluate the patient with potential alcohol withdrawal.