

## 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 care 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.

<b>Location</b>	West Tower, 11 <sup>th</sup> floor
<b>Getting Assignment</b>	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.
<b>Chart Location</b>	Blue chart located at each bedside; majority of patient information found in electronic medical record
<b>Getting Report</b>	Beginning of shift report includes RN and 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.
<b>Vital Signs I&amp;O IV checks</b>	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. Dinamap, 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.
<b>Labs (RN draws)</b>	0600 if ordered as routine
<b>Medication Administration &amp; Classification</b>	Non-refrigerated meds & capillary puncture devices for POCT BG in med drawer in patient room. Refrigerated meds in med room at Team Station B. RNs do routine aerosol/MDI treatments, unless ordered to be given with PEP or vest therapy. Classification done every shift; needs to consider anticipated activities on the next shift.
<b>Supplies</b>	Supplies & scales in clean utility room. Isolation supplies in Nurse server in each patient room. Linens in linen room.
<b>Monitors</b>	MD order. CRMs do connect with central monitoring at Team Station B. Epic order for cardiac monitor contains parameters for programming monitor.
<b>Alert System</b>	Alarms will cross to CPs, RNs and NIs via Voalte. Some alarms may not cross to student's Voalte.
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KVO is 5cc/hr for 6 month and younger or 10cc/hr for patients greater than 6 months.</li> <li>• RN's carry Voalte phones.</li> <li>• It is an expectation that RNs will participate in interdisciplinary Family-centered Rounds.</li> </ul>

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