

Cohorting: Test of Change Launch: Nov 1, 2012

Beginning November 1, ischemic, non interventional hemorrhagic patients with stroke not requiring ICU or IMC care, and transient ischemic attack (TIA) patients will be cohorted on R2.

Primary Congestive heart failure (CHF) patients will be cohorted on R7.

During this test of change fro the next 6 months, a number of metrics will be monitored to determine the impact of cohorting on patients, families, and staff. Evidence demonstrates an improvement in effective care delivery with cohorting of patients.

1. Bed Management: Stroke patients on R2

- Ischemic, non interventional hemorrhagic strokes and TIA's will be cared for on R2.
- "The last bed on R2 is for a stroke patient"
- Neuro=Consult, AIM=Primary
- If no bed on R2, the charge nurse, bed manager and provider will work together to determine which patient will be moved to another unit to accommodate the stroke during this test of change.
- Telemetry will be provided for all stroke patients during their entire LOS per supporting evidence
- Patients requiring TPA will continue to be admitted to CICU
- Hemorrhagic stroke patients will continue to be admitted to R6 and SCU 3

Please call Peggy Gillooly Nurse Director R2/R4 or Rhonda DiPhilippo Nurse Manager at ext. 2564 R2 for questions.

2. Bed Management: CHF patients on R7

- All patients with primary diagnosis of CHF will be cared for on R7.
- "The last bed on R7 is for a CHF patient"
- If no bed on R7, the charge nurse, bed manager and provider will work together to determine which patient will be moved to another unit to accommodate the CHF pt during this test of change.
- CAC and bed manager/supervisor will collaborate to insure appropriate bed placement
- Telemetry will be determined by patient status

Please call Laurie Burton Nurse Director R7 at extension 3770 or Lori Barron CHF Clinical Nurse Specialist for questions.