

BCCH INPATIENT: HOURLY CHECKS STANDARDIZATION – DOCUMENTATION

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ All patients are to be visually checked hourly to ensure [Patient Safety Guidelines](#) and this check will be documented. This check is to happen regardless of whether the patient has any drains, tubes, IV lines, feeding devices etc. and is meant to assess patient safety and patient status.



KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

Cerner Hourly Checks include:

- Behavior:
 - Playing/Appropriate
 - Sleeping
 - Irritable
 - Lethargic/confused
 - Reduced response to pain
- Lines traced site to source
(Note: Lines enter the body – i.e., PIV, CVL, NG, Drain)
- Devices traced site to source
(Note: Devices are attached to the patient and documentation confirms they are safely hooked up and running on previously documented settings – i.e., High Flow, BiPap, VAC dressing)
- Parent/caregiver present

⚠ Hourly Checks

Note: Additional hourly checks/documentation vary based on patient's condition, infusions/medications, monitoring level etc. *Example: A patient receiving narcotics may require documentation of hourly HR, RR, SpO2 and sedation score with continuous monitoring.*

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. [Bedside Safety Check – BE RESPONSIBLE](#)
2. [Patient Safety Guidelines](#)