

SBAR(R)

A structured tool use to drive critical communication

S: SITUATION: What is happening at the present time (concise?)

B: BACKGROUND: What are the circumstances leading up to the situation (brief relevant history?)

A: ASSESSMENT: What do I think the problem is (analysis of situation?)

R: RECOMMENDATION: What should we do to correct the problem (recommended action?)

R: RESPONSE: Collaboration resulting in plan of action

Situation:

David is the eight year old patient in room 455 who now has a temp of 102.6 and has vomited 4 times in the past 2 hours

Background:

David was admitted 4 days ago and had surgery for a ruptured appendix. He has not had a fever since surgery. His NGT was removed 12 hours ago. He is on IV antibiotics (triple)

Assessment:

Besides his fever, his HR is 94, RR 34 and BP: 102/88. He has a pulse ox which is 92%, has been 97-98% prior to this. His abdomen is slightly firm and no bowel sounds, he is not passing gas. His incision has a reddened/firm area that is approximately 1 inch long, it is warm to touch, no drainage

Recommendation:

I am concerned that he needs his NGT replaced and that he has an infection along the incision line.