



Trendcare Use Procedure

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1. Purpose

This Procedure outlines the process for the utilisation of the Trendcare Patient Acuity Care Management System (Trendcare) throughout West Coast District Health Board (WCDHB) facilities.

2. Application

This Procedure is to be followed by all WCDHB staff members.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this Procedure:

Trendcare is taken to mean the Trendcare Patient Acuity Care Management System which can be utilised to provide information to improve the quality of care provided to patients.

4. Responsibilities

For the purposes of this Procedure:

the **Director Of Nursing** is required to oversee all aspects of this Procedure

All **Nursing Staff** undertaking Ward duties are required to accurately record information into the Trendcare system.

5. Resources Required

This Procedure requires:

- i) Trendcare Patient Acuity Care Management System

6. Process

- 1.00 WCDHB operate the Trendcare system for the purposes of providing information to be used exclusively to improve the quality of care provided to patients.
- 1.01 The information collected by Trendcare captures patient care requirements, as assessed by nursing staff and links the resulting patient dependencies to required nursing hours. The benefits of utilising a workload measurement tool include:
 - The ability to prospectively match total nursing resource to workload; and
 - Allows fair distribution of workload across nurses; and
 - Enables Nurse Managers and CNL's to plan staffing for the next 24 hours and on a seasonal and annual basis.
- 1.02 Nurses who are working in a WCDHB Ward are required to record the required data (as outlined in 1.04 and 1.05) accurately and in a timely manner.
- 1.03 Information is to be recorded by each Nurse. No nurse is allowed to enter data on behalf of another nurse.
- 1.04 Nurses working on the "AM" shift are required to record an estimate of the nursing care that will be required for each patient during the next 24 hours.



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- 1.05 Nurses working on all shifts are required to record the actual care given to the patient.
- 1.06 WCDHB will establish a Trendcare Users Group (TUG), whose membership shall be:
- i) Professional Practice Co-ordinator;
 - ii) CNLs from Barclay Ward, Morice Ward, CCU, Parfitt Ward, Hannan Ward, and McBrearty Ward;
 - iii) A Ward representative from Barclay Ward, Morice Ward, CCU, Parfitt Ward, Hannan Ward, and McBrearty Ward;
 - iv) A IT Department Representative.
- 1.07 The TUG will meet on a regular basis to oversee and monitor the operation and utilisation of the Trendcare System within WCDHB.
- 1.08 The TUG will:
- i) monitoring data entry into the Trendcare System;
 - ii) identifying education requirements relating to the accuracy of data entry into the Trendcare System;
 - iii) analysing trends (based on Trendcare Reports) on a fortnightly and monthly basis.

7. Precautions And Considerations

- ➔ WCDHB operate the Trendcare system for the purposes of providing information to be used exclusively to improve the quality of care provided to patients.
- ➔ Nurses who are working in a WCDHB Ward are required to record the required data accurately and in a timely manner.
- ➔ The TUG will meet on a regular basis to oversee and monitor the operation and utilisation of the Trendcare System within WCDHB.

8. References

There are no references associated with this Procedure.

9. Related Documents

WCDHB Trendcare Users Group Terms of Reference

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