

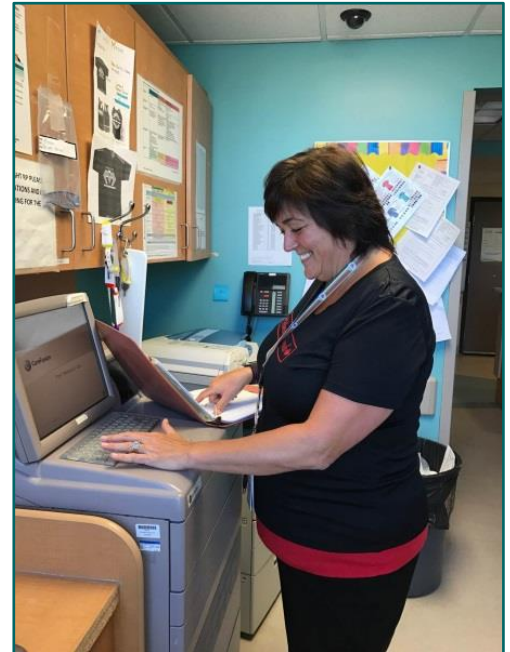
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## *Safe Medication Bundle goes live to reduce and prevent medication errors*

Harmful medication errors represent a serious concern. Across the US, medication errors cause at least one death every day and injure 1.3 million people annually.

The Windsor Regional Hospital Safe Medication team has been working on bundles that encompass ten key elements that have been identified by the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP). The primary objective of medication incident analysis and management is to learn from the incident in order to reduce the risk of reoccurrence and make care safer for future patients.

By determining the most common contributing factors, we can assess trends in the organization to target education and policy development. Our “broken systems” can be reviewed and improved to eliminate patient risks. The Safe Medication Administration Bundles were developed to coordinate the best practices in one easy to find location on the intranet for all staff to access when needed to support their practice.



*Cindy Thompson, an RN from the Family Birthing Center, prepares medication for her patient*

## *Sharing information about waiting patients helps to improve responsiveness*

Medical and Surgical inpatient units at both campuses are now equipped with the software program called VIBE on their Care Round monitors and numerous computer stations. VIBE is a program that shows, among other things, how many patients are waiting in the ED department to be admitted to an inpatient unit. By enabling nursing units to see how many patients are waiting for a bed, staff will be able to take action to “pull” patients up to their unit. Once this initiative is proven to improve the wait time for patients, VIBE will be made available to other units as well.

| Critical Care |       |  | BEDS          |      | ED           |    | ANB         |    | OR         |     |
|---------------|-------|--|---------------|------|--------------|----|-------------|----|------------|-----|
| ICU           | 17/20 |  | ISO           | 93   | CODE 7       | 1  | TOTAL       | 22 | IP         | 8   |
| CCU           | 9/12  |  | ALC           | 26   | WAITING ROOM | 3  | ED          | 8  | OP         | 117 |
| CCOT          | 8     |  | RFD           | 35   | WTBS         | 5  | ADMIT UNIT  | 4  | PACU       | 8   |
|               |       |  | MED-SURG-C... | 103% | TOTAL ER     | 41 | ROOM 5524   | 0  | NSSL       | 2   |
|               |       |  |               |      |              |    | INTAKE (2N) | 10 | PACEMAKERS | 0   |

| ED Admissions |       |      |       |                  |         | MANAGE |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|------------------|---------|--------|
| SRVC          | PAT   | ALRT | TFR   | STEP             | ELAPSED |        |
| SUR           | F, 88 | -    | 27:01 | BED PENDING (8E) | 0:17    |        |
| CTT           | M, 51 | -    | 22:36 | ADMIT (4M)       | 19:27   |        |

Have a great weekend!

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