


Name of Policy: <u>Notification of Physician of Changes in Patient Condition</u> Policy Number: 3364-110-07-10 Department: Nursing Service Approving Officer: Interim Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) Responsible Agent: Interim Chief Nursing Officer Scope: The University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC)	 Effective Date: 6.1.21 Initial Effective Date: October, 1982
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(A) Policy Statement

Appropriate physicians shall be notified of significant changes in patient conditions.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide guidelines and delineate responsibility for notification of physician.

(C) Procedure

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Registered Nurse (RN) to notify the physician of significant changes in the patient’s condition as reported by the bedside nurse. Significant changes in the following conditions shall be communicated in an appropriate manner according to established nursing standards.
 - a. Lab values
 - b. Vital signs
 - c. EKG Rhythms
 - d. Quality and quantity of output
 - e. Untoward effects of medications, blood components or treatments
 - f. Circulatory Status
 - g. Respiratory Status
 - h. Neurological Status
 - i. Psychological Status
 - j. Patient Related Occurrences
 - k. Pain, unrelieved by interventions
 - l. Critical test results and critical results

2. Changes in conditions other than listed above, that the RN believes warrants notification, shall also be communicated to the responsible physician.

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