


Miscellaneous Orders

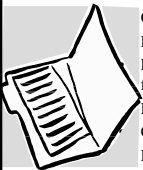
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Consultation Orders

• Attending may want opinion of another doctor.
• Request is written on doctors' order by attending.
• This is called a consultation order.
• HUC notifies consulting doctor's office.

- Include the following information:
 - Hospital name
 - Patient's name
 - Patient's location
 - Name of requesting doctor
 - Patient's diagnosis
 - Urgency of consultation
 - Additional information provided in order
 - Patient's insurance information
- Examples of Doctor's Orders for Consultation:
 - Have Dr. Avery see in consult, or Call Dr. Reidy for Consultation, or Have Dr. Williams see patient today please, or Call Dr. Casey to see patient re radiation therapy.




Health Record Orders

- Health records department stores patient charts (Medical Records)
- Upon readmission Dr requests old charts.
- Request is written on doctors order sheet.
- May be communicated by HUC either by phone, computer, or hand written requisition.

Old chart stored in specially designed area.
Dr. may also request diagnostic studies from another hospital.
Patient must give written consent for release of the information from another hospital
HUC initiates consent form that patient signs.
Consent form forwarded to Health Records Dept.
Health Records Personnel will obtain records

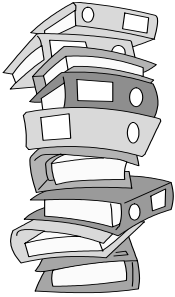
- Some facilities automatically send prior records from hospital.
- Old charts from admission 5 years ago to floor, Obtain old charts from all previous admissions, Obtain report on total body CT from TCCH (done 2/28/04)

Case Management Orders




- Plans with patient/family for care in the home.
- Assists in obtaining medical equipment /DME
- DME = equip such as bed, O2, walker, w/c
- Many hospitals have home health component.
- Agencies may be independent of hospital also.
- Discharge planners/home care coordinators have office in hospital.
- Includes skilled nursing, home health aide services, Hospice, physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory care, speech therapy, and medial social work.
- Examples include: Case management for health assessment, Case management to arrange home care with patient's family for discharge in 2 days, Case management to arrange hospice care

Scheduling Orders



- Various tests/exams may be scheduled in or out of hospital while pt is in hosp.
- HUC notifies dept/facility schedules time convenient for pt and dept.
- Record the scheduled time on Kardex
- Examples of orders include:
Schedule pt in outpatient department for vaginal examination.
Schedule pt for diabetic classes
Schedule client for hearing eval test
Schedule in dental clinic for eval and care.

Social Service Department Orders



"My long-term financial goal is to be rich!"

- Information re resources to patient/family as they transition from hospital to home.
- Financial, transportation, meals, and other support services.
- Samples of Doctor's Orders include:
Contact family re: plans to place in custodial care facility.
Arrange for home-bound teacher for 1 month.
Have social worker arrange for C.N.A. to assist pt at home.
Have social worker arrange for family to stay at Ronald McDonald House.
Have social worker evaluate patient's home caregivers.

Temporary Absences (passes to leave facility)

- Some clients may be allowed to leave facility for several hours or days.
- Benefits from visiting home, recreational outing.
- Gradual return to society.
- **HUC must:**
 1. arrange with pharmacy any meds pt needs @ home.
 2. Note on census when pt leaves/returns
 3. Cancel all meals, treatments.
 4. Arrange for any special equipment.
 5. Have pt sign temporary absence/release
- Examples of orders: May have pass for tomorrow from 0900-1900, Temporary hospital absence from 1500 Friday to 1500 Sunday, have patient sign permit.



Transfer and Discharge

- HUC notifies admitting or discharge dept. by phone, computer, or by completing a discharge or transfer slip.
- Discharge orders may include instructions for patient to follow, and requests for appointments.
- Transfer may be for a different type of room (ward/private), more intense care, or isolation.
- Some examples of Transfer Orders:
 1. Transfer patient to 3E please.
 2. Transfer patient to a private room.
 3. Transfer patient to ICU after surgery.
 4. Transfer patient out of ICU to semiprivate room.
- Some examples of Discharge Orders:
 1. Home today
 2. Discharge c crutches
 3. Home c Rx
 4. Home make appt to see me in 2 wks



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- These are orders that don't relate to any dept.
- Be sure to kardex them.
- Some examples are as follows:
 1. No visitors, limited number of visitors, or have visitors ck c nurse before seeing patient. Notify switchboard and information desk.
 2. DNR (do not resuscitate) Must be written on chart, verbals illegal.
 3. NINP (no information, no publication)
 4. Notify Dr. Avery of patient's admission
 5. Notify hospitalist if systolic bp > 200



Summary

- This chapter concludes the transcription practice for all classifications of doctors' orders
- As you transcribe doctors' orders on the nursing units during your externship, you will find it helpful to refer to this textbook.
