The PHYSICIAN’S ROLE
In Interprofessional Care Processes

**RAPID ROUNDS**

**Your role**
Attend and provide patient status updates. Review anticipated date of discharge (ADOD).

**Benefits described in literature**
✓ Save time [4]
✓ Improve communication [5]
✓ Increase staff accountability [5]
✓ Improve patient outcomes [9]
✓ Decrease length of stay [5]
✓ Provide leadership with clinical examples related to systemic issues [4]

“A 5-minute direct conversation between the orthopedic surgeon, the postoperative pain specialist, the physical therapist, and the patient’s bedside nurse might obviate the need for a day-long exchange of phone calls and messages.” [4]

**BEDSIDE SHIFT REPORT**

**Your role**
Support nurses as they undergo this process change.

**Benefits described in literature**
✓ Save time [2,3]
✓ Increase patient satisfaction [1,7]
✓ Increase staff satisfaction [1]
✓ Increase staff accountability [2]
✓ Improve patient safety and outcomes [3]

“Increased physician satisfaction” was reported as nurses were more informed about patient status. [1]

**PATIENT WHITEBOARDS**

**Your role**
Check the whiteboards in patient rooms for any questions or notes from the patient or family. Update your name and your resident’s name on the whiteboard. [6,8]


For more information about these care processes, and to view all the training materials, please visit http://www.hserc.ualberta.ca/TeachingandLearning/VIPER/IPCareProcesses.aspx