

Throughout BC, nurses are advocating for patient and nurse safety by filing PRFs**Bulkley Valley District Hospital****Nurses ensure IV solution in stock**

Problem: RN unable to carry out doctor's order of administering 3 per cent saline solution to hyponatremic patient as solution not in stock at hospital. Regional Central Stores also did not have any. Nurses attempted unsuccessfully to locate solution in other facilities, resulting in 3 day delay of treatment.

Remedy/Resolution: IV solution now stocked in Bulkley Valley District Hospital.

Better equipment; safer workplace

- antiquated restraints replaced after nurses documented their concerns about patient and nurse safety
- new cardiac monitor for ER after nurses documented concerns with older, unreliable model
- security staff hours increased and additional cameras installed after nurses documented safety concerns.

Central Park Lodge**Solutions developed to tackle workload**

Problem: RN required to cover supervisor position in addition to own assignment, without orientation. Unit also short one care aide.

Remedy/Resolution: Management agreed to ensure all RNs aware of policy that allows them to call in staff for workload and to extend the LPN shift if necessary. Also agreed to advertise for more casual RNs and one has been hired.

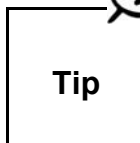
Trail Regional Hospital**Working toward improved MAR**

Problem: Management introduced new Med Administration Record which nurses found problematic.

Remedy/Resolution: Committee, including direct care RNs, struck to review form and process. Use of current form suspended pending recommendations from committee.

More proof of manager support for PRF process

Manager's quote: "I think any time you feel a professional responsibility form is needed to address issues, please fill them out as they are a process for problem-solving issues that challenge people."

**Tip**

If you're searching for an appropriate recommendation, brainstorm a complete list with colleagues then select the most specific, feasible solution.