Health Authority

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To all OSH Nursing Department staff,

This Directive modifies and adds to Oregon State Hospital Nursing Protocol number 2.020, "Continuous Rounds, Census, and Milieu (RCM) Management."

To improve our standard of care and to keep the hospital in compliance with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), it is my directive that, effective Wednesday, July 10, 2024:

- The lead RN must accompany the 2 staff assigned to RCM viability checks at the top of the hour, at least three times per shift.
 - The lead RN must confirm respirations with the assigned staff, the accuracy of additional observations, and adequate adherence to Nursing Protocol 2.020 "Continuous Rounds, Census, and Milieu (RCM) Management."
 - The lead RN must document on the RCM flow sheet when they conduct each of the three hours of viability checks.
 - Ex: A lead RN that accompanies the 2 staff at 0900, 1100 and 1400 would initial in lead RN space at those times.

This directive will remain in effect until OSH Nursing Protocol is updated or the directive is otherwise rescinded.

Sincerely,

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