

HNELHD: Manning Hospital Management of high risk patients

Dear Member,

The HSU has received correspondence from the Manning Hospital outlining a care strategy for high risk patients. This correspondence states that nursing staff should undertake the management and immediate care of high risk patients, and **not** non-clinical workers. The key points are outlined below:

- A nurse will be rostered to that room and will be expected not to leave that room during his/her shift until meal relief etc. **is provided by another nursing team member.**
- The NUM is to call a safety huddle of all workers in the ward regarding high risk patients, so that all staff are aware of the location of the patient(s).
- The expectation from non-nursing staff such as cleaners and admin staff etc. is purely from an awareness point of view. For instance, if the non-nursing staff member notices a known high risk patient is trying to climb out of bed they are to alert the nurse. We are hoping for a team approach to patient safety, which will ideally prevent patients from being injured.
- The Manning Hospital has made it clear that there is no expectation that non-nursing staff perform any nursing/clinical duties.

The HSU thanks the sub branch committee and members for raising this issue which has been clarified by the Manning Hospital. If you have any further concerns, please contact your local Organiser Michael Kearns via email michael.kearns@hsu.asn.au.

In unity,



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