

NURSING ADMISSION ASSESSMENT COMPLIANCE

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Introduction

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care in collaboration with the states and territories, private sector providers, clinical experts, patients and carers develop the national safety and clinical standards to protect the public from harm and to improve the quality of health service provision.

The Australian National Quality and Safety Standards require that all patients admitted have a comprehensive assessment performed on admission.

The initial nursing assessment includes gathering information concerning the patients' physiological, psychological, sociological and spiritual needs.

It allows nurses to identify current and future needs of the patient and deliver appropriate individualised care.



Aim

The aim of this project was to determine the point prevalence of adherence to the full admission assessment on ward 7 Gray at Epworth Richmond HealthCare.

Method

A retrospective chart audit was conducted to measure adherence to the full admission assessment on ward 7 Gray at Epworth HealthCare Richmond

Charts Audited:

A1- Alert Card

MR9- Health history

MR46R- Multiple-day Patient Risk Assessment Tool including; VTE, Malnutrition, Delirium, Mobility, Falls & Pressure Screening.

MR40E- Weight Chart

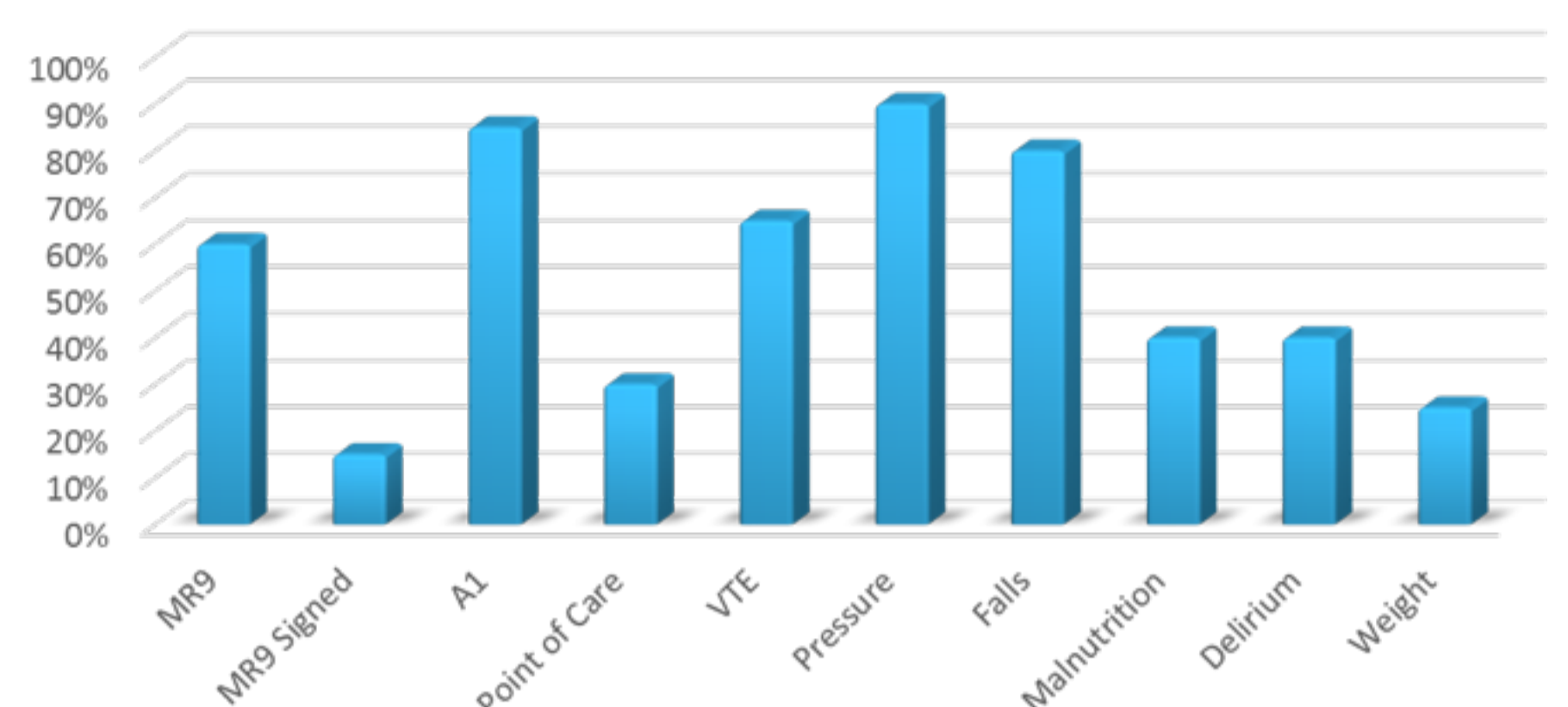
Point of Care System for initial screening

Results

Sixty patient charts were audited.

Compliance with different elements of the admission assessment was highly variable.

Assessment Completion Rates



Conclusions

Factors associated with poor adherence included: cumbersome paperwork associated with completing multiple risk assessment tools, patients who are poor historians and staff awareness of the importance of the admission assessment to ensure patient safety and to meet clinical governance requirements.

Recommendations

Recommendations for improvement include: development and roll-out of a streamlined admission checklist tool, an admission policy and regular audit and feedback to clinical staff regarding their compliance rates.

Admission Checklist

Alert:	A1
Drugs:	MR 80 (Drug chart) MR 81F (Fluid Order chart)
Admission:	MR1 MR9 (Signed)
Assessment:	For All Patients: MR40 (Vital signs) MR40E (Weight) MR46R (ALL Risks- Pressure, Falls, Nutrition, DVT, Delirium)
	If Required: MR81H (IV)/ MR81J (CVAD) MR46D1 (Delirium screen) MR46M (BSL) MR47A (FBC) MR40D (Bowel)
Extras:	Apply two name bands (red for alerts, clear if no alerts) Two in-patient sheets of labels

