Trainig Programs: Patient Falls and Change in Patient Conditions

Joint Commission this year has issued two new requirements for staff education and training. One is related to reducing patient falls. The other is related to identifying early warning signs of a change in a patient’s condition and how to respond to a deteriorating patient.

The Center for Nursing Education currently provides classes related to both of these topics. The classes, titled Fall Prevention Program and The First 5 Minutes, are targeted primarily toward inpatient nursing staff. If you are an RN in an inpatient area, and if you haven’t already taken these classes, we encourage you to sign up for them.

The Center for Nursing Education, in collaboration with Clinical Operations and Human Resources, is creating new classes on both of these topics for a broader group of employees, both RNs and non-RNs, whose jobs in the inpatient and outpatient areas bring them into contact with patients. The new classes will be announced when they are ready to be presented.

In the meantime, if you have questions about these topics, please consult with your supervisor.