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TOOL: Quarterly Blood Pressure Auditing Tool (HealthPartners)

Quarterly Blood Pressure Audit Tool

Use this tool quarterly for all nurses and medical assistants who take blood pressures.

Employee Name: _____

Chart Audits

- Audit 5 patient charts who have a blood pressure of $\geq 140/90$. Review to ensure that a follow-up BP was taken and documented following appropriate blood pressure procedures.

	Patient 1	Patient 2	Patient 3	Patient 4	Patient 5
MRN					
BP Date					
Second BP Taken & Documented	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes / No
Comments:					

Follow up needs

- No follow up needed
- Follow up needed in _____ to assess improvement
- Improvement needs include:

Assessment Observation

- Observe one patient

Date of Observation: _____

Task Assessed	Meets	Needs Improvement	Comments
Initiates BP measurement at end of rooming process using Omron monitor after patient has had a period of rest. (5 minutes is best practice)			
Measures BP following established procedure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feet support flat on the floor • Back supported • Clothing removed where cuff is placed • Selects appropriate cuff size • Secures cuff so that 2 fingers can be inserted between cuff and arm • Arm is supported and level with heart • Remains quiet during measurement 			
Accurately records BP			
Repeats BP measurement if initial reading is 140/90 or greater. Has patient wait quietly for at least 5 minutes before retaking & records second measurement in "New Vitals."			

Follow up needs

- No follow up needed
- Follow up needed in _____ to assess improvement
- Improvement needs include:

Reviewer Signature: _____

