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SBAR Template

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PATIENT	LOCATION	DATE AND TIME

CALLER	RECEIVER

S · SITUATION

Who you are, where you are, which patient, and the concern in one or two sentences.

B · BACKGROUND

Admitting diagnosis and date, relevant history, current medications, allergies, recent vital signs and results, code status.

A · ASSESSMENT

Current findings, what changed and since when, and what you think is going on.

R · RECOMMENDATION

What you need and by when. Read back any order you receive.

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SBAR Example: A Change in Condition

FICTIONAL EXAMPLE. NOT A REAL PATIENT. FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY.

PATIENT
R. Ellison (fictional), 68

LOCATION
4 West, room 412

DATE AND TIME
11/23/2026, 21:40

CALLER
Dana Price, RN

RECEIVER
On-call hospitalist

S · SITUATION

This is Dana Price, RN on 4 West. I am calling about R. Ellison in room 412, post-op day 1 after a right hip replacement. His heart rate rose to 118 in the last hour and his urine output is down.

B · BACKGROUND

Admitted 11/22 for an elective right total hip replacement. History of hypertension. Lisinopril on hold since surgery per orders. No known drug allergies. Full code. Hemoglobin this morning 9.8 g/dL, 12.1 before surgery.

A · ASSESSMENT

Heart rate 118, blood pressure 102/64 (his baseline is 138/82), respiratory rate 20, SpO2 95% on room air, temperature 37.4 C. Urine output 60 mL over 4 hours. Dressing dry and intact. Alert and oriented, lightheaded when he sits up. I am concerned about bleeding or low volume.

R · RECOMMENDATION

Please come and evaluate him within 30 minutes. Do you want a repeat CBC now and an IV fluid bolus? I will take vital signs every 15 minutes until you arrive and keep him in bed.