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SITUATION

B

BACKGROUND

A

ASSESSMENT

R

RECOMMENDATION



What is SBAR?

S = Situation (a concise statement of the problem)

B = Background (pertinent and brief information related to the situation)

A = Assessment (analysis and considerations of options—what you found/think)

R = Recommendation/Request (action requested/recommended—what you want)



Why use SBAR?

- Standardizes and improves communication
- Provides a consistent language and clear guidelines
- Promotes concise, factual communications among clinicians for resident safety



When should SBAR be used?

- As a change in condition progress note
- Before calling to notify MD/NP/PA about resident's change of condition
- During handoff between nursing home and hospital



Use SBAR correctly, fill forms out:

- Before communication takes place
- Completely
- For acute change of condition, not just transfers

