Do I need a Progress Note with Transfer to OR/Procedure Note?

- With the introduction of the “Transfer to OR/Procedure” note, we have gained some experience with workflow. One question that arises on occasion is whether the patient also needs a Progress if the patient goes to a different floor after surgery. After much discussion with practice experts and staff, we agreed that:
  - The “Transfer to OR/Procedure” note documents the necessary information to transfer the patient safely to the OR
  - Use your clinical judgment to determine if an additional Progress note is needed after surgery. If it is a planned transfer after surgery, an additional Progress note may be appropriate, depending on the care provided before the patient goes to surgery. We urge you to exercise your judgment about what is safest for the patient.

New Admission, but Information in the Progress Note Template

- A newly admitted patient may arrive with information in the Progress note template because the template retains the information from the previous note, even if it was a previous admission. You may also see a date in the VTE Prophylaxis box that carried forward. Click on “Clear All” at the top of the note template when documenting on a new admission to remove the previous admission’s data.

Recommendations to Update the HPI

- Some units, particularly the ICUs, document a list of clinical events that occurred during the stay in the HPI. While this is helpful in some situations, as the patient’s condition progresses, these events become less relevant, especially when the patient transfers to a general care floor.
- At time of transfer from one unit to another, the transferring RN should consider what is currently relevant and update or summarize events.
- It is okay to update any section of the note because the changed items are available in previous notes.

Reflect the Patient’s Condition in the Note

- Remember that the eBridge note is the patient’s note and must reflect the patient’s current status. This means that you must take the time to edit the note, and make it accurate. It is okay to update any section of the note because the changed items are available in previous notes.

What’s your Slogan?

- We have been musing over catchy slogans to help us all feel comfortable about updating the note. Here are some of our ideas:
  - Keep calm and edit on
  - You are what your write
  - Your note is my note
- Send us your ideas! We would love to hear what helps you remember to update the note accurately. Send them to Annabaker Garber at agarber1@partners.org