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Standardized Reporting for Hospice Admissions

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Abstract
The purpose of this project is to implement a standardized handoff reporting tool, known as HAND-IT, to be used with hospice admissions. Without the use of a standardized reporting tool in the hospice setting there is a lack of communication between team member, which can lead to increased symptoms at end of life and less-than-optimal quality care. The evidence-based framework which guided this project is the Institute for Healthcare Improvements (IHI) Model for Change using the Plan Do Study Act (PDSA) framework. The primary outcome measure is to record the percentage use of the HAND-IT tool with admissions. A convince sample of newly admitted hospice patients between the ages of 18 to 102 years old was used, and retrospective descriptive statistical data was collected, as well as results from a post-implementation survey. Results from the survey and data showed that HAND-IT tool use improved communication between hospice team members.

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