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HOSPITAL CHART NOTES – WHAT YOU NEED FOR LITIGATION

CONTENTS:	CAN INCLUDE:	OBTAINED:
ADMISSION	Face Sheet Consents (not operative) Living Will/ Durable Power of Attorney Transfer Forms	
PRIOR RECORDS	Transfer notes EMT records Discharge Summary Discharge notes and instructions from other facility (acute care, rehab and SNF)	
ER RECORDS	MD and Nursing Notes Discharge Instructions (if discharged from ER)	
MD PROGRESS NOTES	Admission History and Physical Physician Progress Notes Consultations	
NURSES NOTES	Admission Assessment Nursing Care Plan Kardex Nursing Notes Critical Care/ ICU Notes IV Care/ IV Fluids Blood Transfusions Treatments	
ADDITIONAL NURSE ASSESSMENTS	Neurological Assessment Neurovascular Assessment Skin and/or Pressure Sore Assessment Pain Assessment	
FLOW SHEETS	Can include: Vital Signs Intake and Output Frequent Vital Sign Weights (24 hour charting- each shift, by both RN and CNA)	
MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION RECORDS	Scheduled Medication Records- oral and injectable PRN (as needed) Medication Records Narcotic Records	
LABORATORY	Blood testing Cultures Urine Tests Other Body Fluid Tests	
IMAGING	Radiology MRI CT Scan EEG EKG Vascular Lab	
OPERATIVE REPORTS	Operative Consent (informed and surgical) Pre Surgical Screening (as in surgeon, primary care or anesthesia) Pre Op Checklist Pre Anesthesia Assessment Preoperative Nursing Notes Operative Report Anesthesia Intraoperative Notes Intraoperative Nursing Notes Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) Nursing Notes PACU Flow Sheet Physician Orders Surgery Logs (implants, specimens, tissues and laser) Imaging Reports (pre, intra and post operative) Pathology Reports Other Lab Results	
OBSTETRIC RECORDS	Pre Natal Records Fetal Testing and Imaging	

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	Fetal Heart Rate Monitoring Records Labor Records OR and Anesthesia Records (if C-section) Fetal Assessments Post Partum Records Newborn Records	
THERAPIES	Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy Speech Therapy Respiratory Therapy (including ventilator sheets and treatments)	
OTHER MISC RECORDS	Social Services Dietary/ Nutrition Additional Consents (Blood) Dialysis Flow Record	
OTHER	Specific policies and procedures Guidelines Training Documents Incident Reports	