

## **PSYCH: a mnemonic to help psychiatric residents decrease patient handoff communication errors.**

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This study describes a quality improvement project to enhance [handoffs](#) among psychiatry residents. The use of a mnemonic PSYCH (Patient information, Situation leading to hospitalization, Your assessment, Critical information, and Hindrance to discharge) led to more complete and efficient handoffs, consistent with other studies of [structured handoff communications](#).