

Standardization of inpatient handoff communication.

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[Handoffs](#) at [shift changes](#) are vulnerable to communication errors, which can result in patient harm. This guideline describes how to improve handoffs, including by standardizing [content](#), dedicating certain locations and time periods to reduce [interruptions](#), and using technological resources to augment accuracy of handoff information. A past [PSNet perspective](#) discussed safe inpatient handovers.