

Gathering and Designing a Multi-Disciplinary Surgical Clinical Ward Handover System at the SAN Hospital

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Glossary

A Infection by Airbourne.

ACAT Age Care Assessment Team.

AD As Desired Diet (anything the patients wants to eat).

AIN Assistant in Nursing.

AMO Accredited Medical Officer.

Analgesia pain medication.

Anti-emetic medication against nausea.

Arthroplasty plastic surgery of a joint.

B Bowels.

BD twice a day.

BGL Blood Glucose Level.

Bolus a rounded mass of food or pharmaceutical preparation ready to swallow, or such a mass passing through the gastrointestinal tract.

BP Blood Pressure.

BSL Blood Sugar Level.

C infection by contact.

CF Clear Fluids.

CMO Career Medical Officer (doctor on call).

Comorbidity other illnesses that a patient has that are not part of the diagnosis but affect the health of the patient and possibly the treatment (ie. Diabetes, Hypertension).

Cont Continence (bowels).

CVC Central Venus Catheter.



D infection by droplet.

DW Dry Weight (weight of patient before breakfast).

Dx diagnosis.

EDD Estimated Date of Discharge.

EEN Endorsed Enrolled Nurse. Have completed further medication endorsement. Allowed to administer Schedule 2,3, and 8 medications via all routes except intravenous, epidural, intraventriuclar and intrathecal. Any medication which requires checking prior to administration must be checked with a RN or Midwife. Excluded also from administering fluids or medications via CVC, PICC and femoral lines as well implanted devices or arterial lines.

EN Enrolled Nurse. Nurses undertook 18/24 month course at TAFE or related health facilities). Even more restricted than EEN.

FF Full Fluids incl. milky drinks.

HITH Hospital in the Home.

Hx history.

IDC In-Dwelling Catheter.

IM Intramuscular (routed into muscle tissue).

IVC/F Intravenous Cannula (a catheter that is inserted into a vein for supplying medications or nutrients directly into the bloodstream) / Intravenous Fluids (fluids given through a vein inserted catheter.

L Light Diet.

LOS Length of Stay of a patient.

MO Medical Officer.

MRN Medical Record Number.



MRO Methacilin Resistant Organism; an organism that shows resistance to Methicillin, a very strong antibiotic.

MRSA Multi Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus; any strain of Staphylococcus aureus that has developed resistance to beta-lactam antibiotics, which include the penicillins (methicillin, dicloxacillin, nafcillin, oxacillin, etc.).

N Neutropenic (very low white blood cell count). Caution must be taken by staff as they could pass something to a patient.

NBM Nil By Mouth.

NCR Nurse Care Record.

ND night shift.

NFR Not For Resuscitation.

NG Nasal-Gastric Tube.

NP Nurse Practitioner is a RN educated and authorised to function autonomously and collaboratively in an advanced and extended clinical role. Requires addition 1.5-2 years of study.

NUM Nursing Unit Manager.

OT Occupational Therapist.

PAC Pressure Area Care.

Palliative relieving or soothing the symptoms of a disease or disorder with effecting a cure.

PEG Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy tube; tube that is inserted into the stomach to give nutrition.

PICC Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter.

PRN as required medication; these are not part of the patients regular medications).

QID four times a day.



RN Registered Nurse. a graduate nurse who has been legally authorized (registered) to practice after examination by a state board of nurse examiners or similar regulatory authority, and who is legally entitled to use the designation RN..

Rx treatment pertaining to medication / subscriptions.

S strict precaution (Infection Risk).

SC Shower Comode (in chair).

SC Fluids Subcutaneous Fluids; fluids administered just under the skin and not into a vein.

SH shower.

SP sponge bath in bed.

SPC Supra Pubic Catheter.

ST shower with trolley.

TB Towel Bath.

TDS three times a day.

TEDS brand of Anti-embolic Stockings that are used to prevent blood clots.

TKVO To Keep Vein Open.

TL Team Leader.

TPN Total Parenteral Nutrition; all nutrition is given through a catheter.

Trainee Consultant/Registrar doctor learning his or her speciality.

U Urine **OR** MRO Risk (Unknown Status) mean a risk assumption has been made but not proven.

VTE Venous Thromboembolism; i.e. blood clot in the vein.

Warfarin anticoagulant medicine; nurses need to be aware of patients receiving this due to higher risk of bleeding and in case of bleeds.



1. Introduction

1.1. Client Profile

1.2. Project Description and Scope

1.3. Project Objectives

- Rewrite the current Pay By The Month Service into Java
- Increase resilience, maintainability, extensibility and reporting
- Minimize complexity by using plain Java without application frameworks

1.3.1. Risks

Ref #	Probability	Impact	Description	Mitigation
R.1	Medium	High	Developer overloaded	Increase allotted project
				time for developer
R.2	Low	High	Communication problems	Incorporate external
			expert in with external	system
			systems	troubleshooting as
				well as using proof
				of concepts
R.3	Low	Medium	Unforeseen required feature	Include in current or
				next iteration.
				Reveal missed
				stakeholders

1.3.2. Assumptions

Ref #	Description	Validated By	
A.1	External Systems will not change their communications	Adam Reitsma	
	interfaces for the project duration		
A.2	Developer, System Test and Production instances will be	Adam Reitsma	
	available for the project		
A.3	Testing will be done by developers as well as dedicated testers	Adam Reitsma	
A.4	Use of open source third party libraries is allowed	Adam Reitsma	
A.5	The bottleneck in terms of performance will be the actual	Anand Ria	
	monetary transaction between Suncorp and the bank		



1.3.3. Issues

Ref #	Priority	Description	Owner
I.1	Medium	Late start for project due to waiting for management	Management
		decisions	
I.2	Medium Legacy system expert is on vacation during		Management
		iteration 0	

1.3.4. Dependencies

Ref #	Internal /	Description	Date of Impact
	External		
D.1	External	The mainframe system must deliver the	01/03/2011
		transaction files to the prescribed destination	
		for PBTM pickup	
D.2	External	Message Broker and Payment Gateway must	01/03/2011
		be running to complete the transaction	
		process	



- 1.3.5. Client Policy
- 1.3.6. Constraints
- 1.3.7. Exclusions



- 1.4. Anticipated Outcomes / Results for the Project
- 1.5. Benefits of the Project



2. Methodology

- 2.1. Overview
- 2.2. Tools and Skills



2.3. Literature Review

2.4. Scope and Schedule



3. SANSURGIMS



4. Evaluation

- 4.1. Testing Procedures
- 4.2. Interpretation of Results



5. Future Work



- 6. Reflection
- 6.1. Contribution
- 6.2. Difficulties
- 6.3. Lessons Learned
- 6.4. Future Suggestions



7. Conclusion

- 7.1. Concluding Remarks
- 7.2. Strengths and Weaknesses
- 7.3. A Second Time
- 7.4. Future Work



A. Appendix

Include the following:

- Roles at SAN wiki page
- Scans of original questionnaires
- Screenshots of SANSURGIMS (Web and Designer)
- Scans of important forms (Nursing Care Record & Patient History)