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Documented orders help staff understand the specifics of an order, when the order is to be carried out, and who is to carry out the order.

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**PC.22 Sufficient medical staff are available to meet patients' needs.**

- PC.22.1 Medical staff members are available in sufficient number at all times with no significant variation during holidays or weekend days.
  - PC.22.2 There is at least one qualified physician available at all times for each specialty according to the hospital's scope of services.
  - PC.22.3 Medical and other relevant staff who are "on call" are within the hospital premises during the on call hours.
  - PC.22.4 Medical and other relevant staff who are on call respond promptly to incoming consultations and care related requests.
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**Standard Intent:**

To ensure constant and proper continuity of patient's care at all times including holidays and weekend, hospital must design an on call Rota including medical, nursing and other relevant staff to meet patient's need according to scope of service of the hospital. The on call staff should be residing within the hospital and their response to calls should be monitored to ensure optimal response time to emergencies.

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**PC.23 A nursing pre-operative checklist is completed to control the transfer and handover of patients to the operating room.**

- PC.23.1 There is a nursing pre-operative checklist that is completed by the assigned nurse.
- PC.23.2 The checklist uses the "Yes", "No" and "Not Applicable" format.
- PC.23.3 Patients are not transferred to the operating room if the checklist is not completed except in dire emergencies.
- PC.23.4 The assigned nurse endorses all the findings of the pre-operative checklist to the receiving nurse in the operating room.
- PC.23.5 The receiving nurse in the operating room reviews all the findings of the pre-operative checklist with the assigned nurse and confirms in writing.
- PC.23.6 The nursing pre-operative checklist contains the following elements as a minimum:
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    - PC.23.6.2 Evidence of completed relevant consents.
    - PC.23.6.3 Evidence of completed history and physical examination by medical and nursing staff.
    - PC.23.6.4 Evidence of site marking.
    - PC.23.6.5 Availability of results of requested investigations.