Explanation of abbreviations:

Charting Check:

I use this line (RS,PN,Q,AI,F,S,VAD,IO,CC) to keep track of charting. Once I track that assessment, I cross it out. They are:

RS: Review of Systems

PN: Pain

Q: Acuity measure

AI: Activities and Interventions

F: Falls Score

S: Skin Score

VAD: Vascular access devices (chart three times so cross each letter as I do it)

IO: Ins and Outs

CC: Chart Check

These are things I need to right down for my patients (Dt/Act/elim, IVF)

Dt: Diet

Act: Activity order

Elim: Means of elimination (e.g. urinal, bedside commode)

IVF: What access they have and what fluid order is.

Then I circle the items on this row that apply to the patient (O/iso/acu/IO/AO/tel/tub)

O: if on oxygen

Iso: If on isolation

Acu: if on accuchecks

IO: If strict Is and O’s

Tel: If on telemetry

Tub: if have a tube such as g-tube or chest tube.