**Tip of the Month**

**Communication is Key**

*Communicate important patient safety information during all hand-offs:*

- At shift change
- When care assumed by new department (i.e., transport to Radiology, PT/OT treatment)
- When assuming care of a new patient (i.e., covering for a colleague)

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**Remember to Communicate:**

1. Fall risk and necessary interventions
   - Example: “*The patient is at high falls risk and the bed alarm is set.*”
2. Patient mobility status (i.e., BMAT score or AOK results)
   - Example: “*The patient is at BMAT 2 and is unable to walk.*”
3. What mobility equipment to use to move the patient safely based on their mobility status
   - Example: “*Use the SaraPlus when getting out of bed to the bedside commode.*”

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