

## 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."*