

First-Week Orientation Questions

Questions to Ask Your Preceptor

Getting Around the Unit

- ☐ Where are supplies, linens, and the crash cart kept?
- ☐ How do I get into the med room and supply rooms?
- ☐ Where are the exits, fire extinguishers, and emergency equipment?
- ☐ Where do staff take breaks and store belongings?

Emergencies

- ☐ How do I call a rapid response or a code?
- ☐ What number reaches the charge nurse and house supervisor?
- ☐ Who do I call for pharmacy, lab, or IT problems?
- ☐ What are the fall and restraint protocols?

Charting & Policies

- ☐ What are the charting expectations and deadlines?
- ☐ Which assessments are due, and how often?
- ☐ How are late or missed medications handled?
- ☐ Where do I find unit policies and procedures?

My Preceptor & Support

- ☐ How will my patient load increase during orientation?
- ☐ How and when will I get feedback?
- ☐ Who do I go to if my preceptor isn't available?
- ☐ What should I be able to do by the end of orientation?

Shift Routines

- ☐ How does shift report work here (bedside, SBAR)?
- ☐ When are labs drawn and when do providers round?
- ☐ How are breaks covered?
- ☐ How do I request time off or swap shifts?

Answers & Notes
