Implementation of RN bedside shift report improves patient and family satisfaction

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Methods - continued

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• Families interviewed

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Methods - continued

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Methods - continued

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- Staff feedback through pre and post implementation surveys were used to make modifications to ensure sustainability
Results

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Nurse pre/post implementation survey

- % Strongly Agree: Bedside report will take more time than our current process
  - Before: 50%
  - After: 40%

- % Strongly Agree: Bedside report will promote patient safety
  - Before: 30%
  - After: 40%

- % Strongly Agree: Bedside report will improve collaboration between shifts
  - Before: 20%
  - After: 30%

- % Strongly agree: Non English speaking families will not benefit from RN bedside report
  - Before: 30%
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