

The Advantages of the Universal Medical Record from a Social Worker's Point of View

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Tab	Advantages	Potential Savings
Advanced Directives	<p>Ensures everyone has accurate information on what are the resident's Advance Directives.</p> <p>Reduces the need to take the Advanced Directive documentation out the chart to make copies to go along with resident which could result in original copy being lost or misplaced.</p>	<p>This will save time, frustration, duplication of work and reduces copying expenses.</p> <p>This can free up anywhere from fifteen minutes to an hour depending on the amount of scheduled appointments and unexpected transfers that happen on any given day.</p>
Healthcare Providers	<p>There is a record of any provider that has seen the resident whether they are in or out of the facility.</p> <p>Can view at a glance who has seen resident and who needs to see resident.</p> <p>Makes it easier for the SW to help facilitate appointments and escorts.</p> <p>Can help the SW facilitate consistency with care when working on discharge planning to the community.</p>	<p>Can save time in arranging for resident to go on unnecessary appointments and arranging escorts as well.</p> <p>Helps SW arrange proper home care referral services as well as follow-up services.</p> <p>Insure resident has a follow-up appointment with PCP post discharge from the facility.</p> <p>This process can easily free up an hour a day alone.</p>
Patient Demographics	<p>Resident's demographics are available at easy glance in addition; information is able to prefill onto MDS.</p>	<p>Gives SW more time to complete other task such as spending quality time with residents.</p> <p>This will save at least five minutes per resident for each MDS that must be completed.</p>
Emergency Information	<p>Ensures proper time frame and accuracy of notification to the resident's family/designated representative.</p>	<p>Ensures proper customer services is maintained which would increase the rapport the staff can have with both the resident and their family/designated representative.</p> <p>For a SW this will easily save us at least twenty to thirty minutes</p>

		a day in unnecessary repetitive work.
Disciplines	Accurate record of anyone who has met with resident both inside and outside the facility.	SW has a holistic view of what is going on with each of their residents.