Team roles

The multidisciplinary team includes doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and pharmacists. Other members may be co-opted into the ward round as appropriate to the patient group. All members of the team should have the opportunity to actively interact as part of the ward-round process. Possible roles for each team member on a multidisciplinary ward round are outlined below.

- **Doctor**
  - Leads the round and introduces the team to the patient
  - Provides an update of recent history, clinical examination and review of patient
  - Reviews drug chart
  - Provides update: current problems, responses to treatment, test results, medication, information from patient and/or family and nurses

- **Nurse**
  - Provides update:
    + vital signs
    + pain control
    + nutrition and hydration
    + elimination (urine and bowel)
    + mobility
    + confusion or delirium
  - Quality and safety checks:
    + urinary catheter
    + review of IV lines
    + VTE prophylaxis
    + pressure ulcers
    + category
    + falls
    + infection control

- **Pharmacist and AHPs**
  - Pharmacist:
    + reviews patient’s medications
    + checks VTE prescription
    + drug chart review
  - AHPs:
    + update of care provided
    + discharge and follow-up arrangements

- **Patient and carers**
  - Provide updates:
    + current concerns
    + discussions with other health professionals
    + information from carers/family
    + arrangements for discharge

**Summary by doctor**
- Summarises team inputs into a plan for the day and sets daily goals
- Discharge planning:
  + anticipated discharge needs
  + place of discharge (e.g., home, rehabilitation)
  + discharge date and time
  + follow-up arrangements
- Provides patient with information relating to plan of care and checks patient understanding