

## 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 bowels)
  - + mobility
  - + confusion or delirium
- > Quality and safety checks:
  - + urinary catheter
  - + review of iv lines
  - + VTE prophylaxis
  - + pressure ulcers and 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 (eg home, rehabilitation)
  - + discharge date and time
  - + follow-up arrangements
- > Provides patient with information relating to plan of care and checks patient understanding