

A framework for effective communication

SBAR-D is a standardised framework used within healthcare settings to support and enhance communication, teamwork, decision making and record keeping.

It provides a framework to briefly present the patient's clinical condition in a concise and structured way during periods of transition:

- Routine staff handover
- Transfer to another care provider
- Escalation of clinical concern

S	Situation	What is the key information about this patient?
B	Background	What is the key clinical background or context?
A	Assessment	What are the current issues? (including NEWS and ABCDE assessment)
R	Recommendation	What do I recommend or what do I want you to do?
D	Decision	What is the agreed management plan?

Document - Ensure SBAR-D is documented in clinical notes