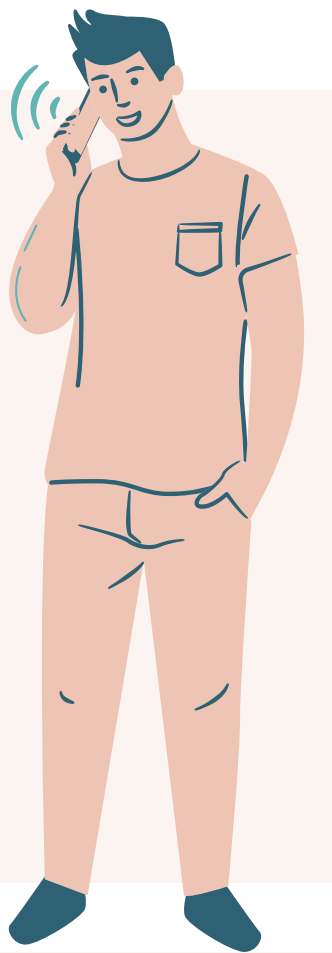


# ISBAR for Nursing Handover



## Past

### I – Identify

Introduce yourself by stating the role you've played in this patient's care

Clearly and accurately identify and locate the patient

Identify the doctors responsible for the patient's care

Who is the patient?

In which bed?

How old is the patient?

Under which consultant?

### S – Situation

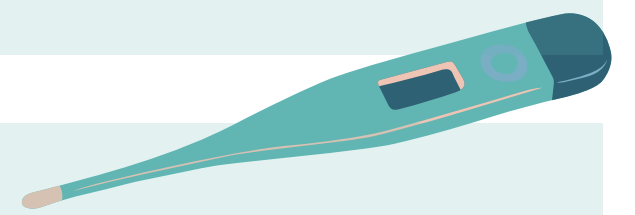
Explain the patient's presenting condition

What brought this patient to the hospital this time?

### B – Background

Hand over the patient's medical and social background relevant to this admission

What is the patient's medical and social background relevant to this admission?



## Present (on your shift)

### A – Assessment

Succinctly describe the patient's general condition, clinically and behaviourally, during your shift

Provide key clinical observations/data

What is the patient's general condition, clinically and behaviourally?

### A – Actions

State what have you done for the patient on your shift

What relevant daily care tasks have you completed or not?



### R – Recommendations

Explain the treatment plan for this patient

Explain the care plan and actions required of nursing staff

What is the treatment plan for this patient?

### R – Readback

Clearly hand over accountability and responsibility for ongoing care tasks

Have you checked for shared understanding of your information with the patient and your colleagues?  
(Does the patient have any information to add or request?)

## Future (on colleagues' shift)