

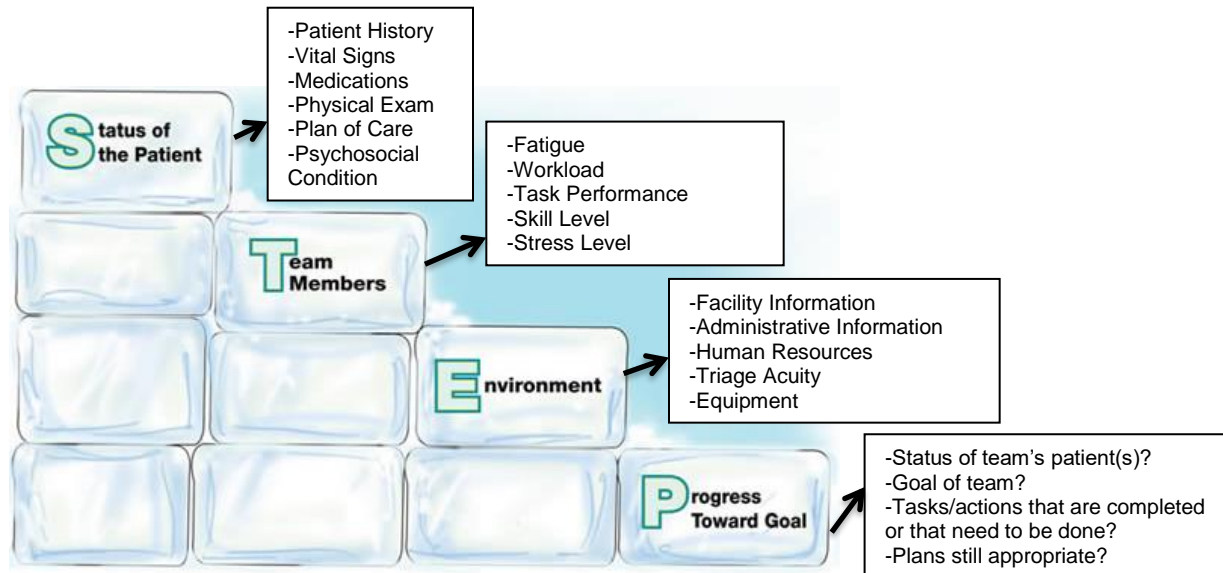


TeamSTEPPS® TIPS

STEP

What is STEP?

STEP — **S**tatus of the patient, **T**eam members, **E**nvironment, **P**rogress toward goal — is a tool that can help you monitor the situation and the overall environment. Each component of STEP helps provide clues to the health care team about impending complications or contingencies.



What is an example of STEP?

Status: The respiratory therapist notes that a ventilated patient is showing a marked increase in respiratory rate that might indicate an increased level of pain that cannot be communicated

Team members: The patient's nurse is busy helping another patient

Environment: It is a shift change, and everyone is busy, so you check the medication record and note that the patient is overdue for his morphine

Progress: You notify the oncoming nurse of your concern

Where can I get more information about STEP?

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