

MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION – Observation Chart

24 Look at the document and answer the questions.

1. What kind of document is it?
2. Why is it important to complete it regularly?

FLINDERS GENERAL HOSPITAL						First Name: Ruth Family Name: Davies DOB: 15.11.1957		No: 482736	
ADULT OBSERVATION CHART									
WARD: Coronary Care								Sex: M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
DATE: 11.08.2017									
Time	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00
Temp. (°C)	37.2	37.4	37.7	37.8	38.1	38.0	38.2	37.4	37.3
RR	18	20	20	21	22	22	24	20	19
O ₂ Sats	98	96	96	96	95	94	94	94	97
P	65	67	68	68	72	70	75	70	67
BP (mmHg)	130/83	132/83	138/85	136/84	145/90	149/92	148/90	132/81	127/78

25 Joan, the ward nurse, reports the condition of her patient to a colleague from the next shift. Read and answer the questions.

1. Why was Mrs. Davies admitted to hospital?
2. What medications did she receive at first?
3. Why did her temperature begin to fall?

... Right, now the next patient, Mrs. Davies. She was admitted two days ago because of a sudden increase in her blood pressure. She also had symptoms of a mild throat infection. We administered paracetamol and hypertension medications and her condition improved. This morning her temperature was still normal, at 37.2. However, it began to increase from 37.4 at 9 a.m. to 38.2 at 2 p.m. We administered some stronger anti-inflammatory drugs and her temperature went down to 37.4. It seems that it stabilized and remains at a similar level now: it was 37.3 degrees at 4 p.m.

26 Complete the sentences using ideas from the text you've read.

1. It began to from 37.4 at 9 a.m. to 38.2 at 2 p.m.
2. We administered some stronger anti-inflammatory drugs and her temperature to 37.4.
3. It seems that it and at the similar now: it was 37.3 degrees at 4 p.m.