Hourly patient rounds have a dramatic effect on patient experience and safety, staff and physician engagement and HCAHPS performance. Hourly rounds on patients in order to check on the four P’s: Pain, Position, Potty and Possessions. Performing these checks on a regular basis decreases call light use, patient falls and length of stay, and saves nurses time. If your healthcare facility does not have time to perform hourly rounds, consistency is key. Set up a consistent rounding cycle that works for your facility and build up from there. The eventual goal will be to reach every patient, every hour.

**QUESTION SET**

1. How is your pain?
2. Are you comfortable?
3. Do you need to use the restroom?
4. Items within reach?
5. (Perform scheduled tasks)
6. We will round again in about an hour. Is there anything else that I can do for you? I have the time.

**SAMPLE HOURLY NURSE ROUND ON PATIENT**

Hello Mr/Ms ________. My name is _________ and I am the ______ here at ______. I am stopping by to make sure you have very good care. (Prop up yourself and your team. Update white boards.)