

# Connecting to Our Patients

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## Morning Webinar





## CONNECTING WITH CARE

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...approaching the ***planning, delivery*** and ***evaluation*** of health care as a mutually beneficial partnership among health care providers, patients and families.

... means doing things ***with*** patients and families, not *to* or *for* them.

These standards apply to whomever we are interacting with including our patients, our customers and each other.

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# Connecting with Care



## Set the Stage

I will create a warm, welcoming environment that promotes confidence in a productive interaction.



## Share the Moment

I will show respect by being present, actively listening, and connecting on an emotional level.



## Support What's Next

I will proactively ensure understanding of the road ahead and will reinforce a positive experience by expressing gratitude.



## Service Recovery

I will restore trust by engaging to secure a timely resolution, and I will take action to prevent recurrence.



**Set the Stage**



**Share the Moment**



**Support What's Next**



**Service Recovery**

***I will create a warm, welcoming environment that promotes confidence in a productive interaction.***

- **Desired Outcomes**
  - ✓ Genuine connection, Clear expectations set for the interaction
- **Recipient should feel**
  - ✓ Warm, Calm and Safe
- **What it looks like to “set the stage”:**

<b>Providers</b>	<b>Clinical/patient-facing roles</b>	<b>Non-patient-facing roles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be at the patient’s level</li> <li>• Share your knowledge and pre-work</li> <li>• Ask the patient about their desired outcomes and questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knock before entering, then offer warm greeting</li> <li>• Explain what you are there to do</li> <li>• Describe the purpose of any treatment or care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide context for a project or task’s importance and how it may impact patient care</li> <li>• Include purpose, objectives, and agenda in all meeting invites</li> </ul>



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Share the Moment



Support What's Next



Service Recovery

*I will show respect by being present, actively listening, and connecting on an emotional level.*

- **Desired Outcomes**
  - Mutually understood needs
- **Recipient Should Feel**
  - Heard, Respected, Valued and Understood
- **What it looks like to “share the moment”:**

Providers	Clinical/patient-facing roles	Non-patient-facing roles
<p>A patient says, “I’ve been checking my blood sugar, but I don’t see the point anymore.”</p> <p>You reply, “It sounds like you are feeling down about your health. Would you care to tell me more?”</p>	<p>A patient just opened up about a difficult experience.</p> <p>You reply, “Thank you for sharing that with me. That must have been hard.”</p>	<p>During a virtual meeting, you make it a point to keep your camera on, stay focused on the discussion, and summarize others' views to ensure understanding.</p>



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Support What's Next



Service Recovery

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- **Desired Outcomes**
  - ✓ Next steps are clear and understood, Proactive guidance
- **Recipient should feel**
  - ✓ Informed, Confident, Supported and Empowered
- **What it looks like to “share the moment”:**

Providers	Clinical/patient-facing roles	Non-patient-facing roles
<p>Asking the patient/family if they have concerns about the care plan</p> <p>Ensuring that the clinical team understands the patient’s next steps</p>	<p>Using the teach-back method to ensure the patient understands what to do next</p> <p>Asking the patient if there is anything else they would like to discuss</p>	<p>Ensuring that clear, accurate information and next steps are handed off</p> <p>Demonstrating appreciation and gratitude</p>



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• **Desired Outcomes**

✓ Restored trust, Adequate and timely resolution, Actions to prevent recurrence

• **Recipient should feel:**

✓ Heard, Engaged (part of the solution), Satisfied

• **In each service recovery opportunity, there is a chance for us to improve so that others don't experience the same frustration.**

DO	DO NOT
<p><b>Confirm the issue:</b> Restate the issue to the customer and confirm what action they want.</p> <p><b>Meet people where they are:</b> Use empathy to see their perspective.</p> <p><b>Address root causes in real time:</b> Understand where the failure occurred and determine the appropriate way to respond to the customer in a timely way.</p>	<p><b>Use jargon:</b> Acronyms and complex terms can increase frustration.</p> <p><b>Jump to conclusions:</b> Each person's perspective and concern is unique.</p>



# What else impacts the patient experience?

- ✓ Staff behavior
- ✓ The environment (building, sounds, smells, etc.)
- ✓ Teamwork with each other and with the patient
- ✓ Implicit bias



A photograph of a woman with long, wavy brown hair smiling warmly as she holds a baby. The baby is wearing a purple patterned shirt and is also smiling. The woman is wearing a light-colored shirt with a colorful pattern. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The entire image has a semi-transparent dark green overlay.

**What does it look like when we  
connect with each other?**