Importance of Recording Each Drop

'Development of a new fluid balance record'

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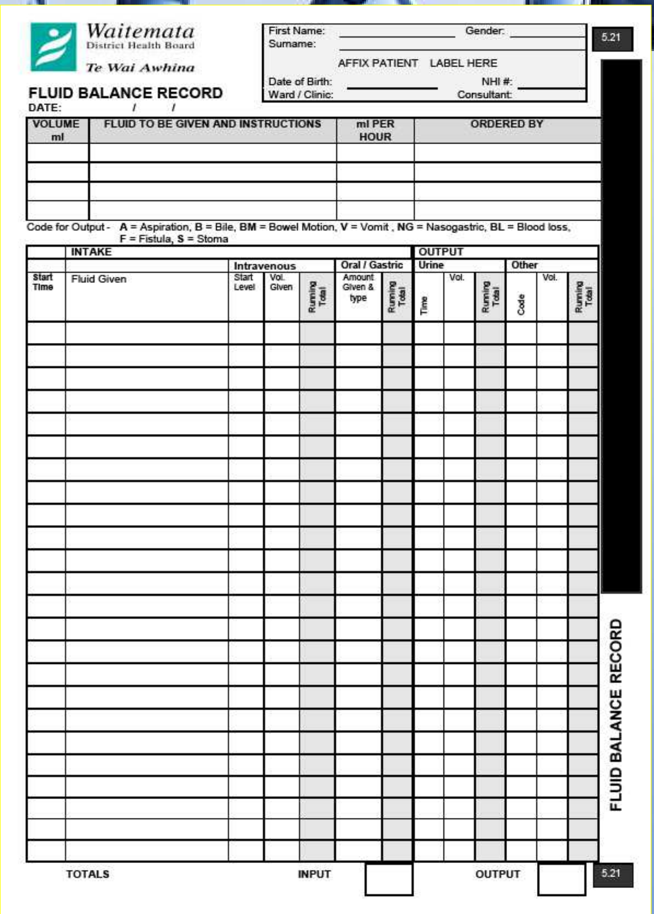
Aims:

- To meet the requirements of WDHB IV fluid administration policy
- To ensure safe nursing practice and allow recording of accurate intake & output

Old Fluid Balance Record



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FLUID BALANCE RECORD
DATE: / /

First Name: Gender:
Surname:
AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE
Date of Birth: NHI #:
Ward / Clinic: Consultant:

5.21

VOLUME ml	FLUID TO BE GIVEN AND INSTRUCTIONS	ml PER HOUR	ORDERED BY

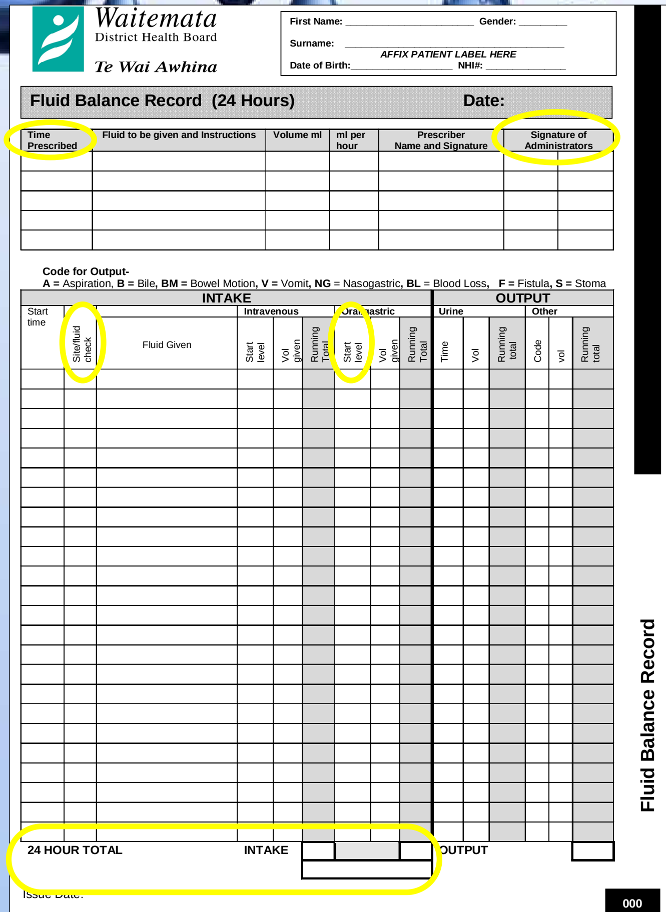
Code for Output - A = Aspiration, B = Bile, BM = Bowel Motion, V = Vomit , NG = Nasogastric, BL = Blood loss, F = Fistula, S = Stoma

INTAKE: Start Time | Fluid Given | Intravenous: Start Level, Vol. Given, Running Total | Oral / Gastric: Amount Given & type, Running Total
OUTPUT: Urine: Time, Vol., Running Total | Other: Code, Vol., Running Total

TOTALS INPUT OUTPUT 5.21

FLUID BALANCE RECORD

New Fluid Balance Record



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Date of Birth: NHI#:

Fluid Balance Record (24 Hours) Date:

Time Prescribed	Fluid to be given and Instructions	Volume ml	ml per hour	Prescriber Name and Signature	Signature of Administrators

Code for Output-
A = Aspiration, B = Bile, BM = Bowel Motion, V = Vomit, NG = Nasogastric, BL = Blood Loss, F = Fistula, S = Stoma

INTAKE: Start time | Site/fluid check | Fluid Given | Intravenous: Start level, Vol given, Running Total | Oral/gastric: Start level, Vol given, Running Total
OUTPUT: Urine: Time, Vol, Running total | Other: Code, vol, Running total

24 HOUR TOTAL INTAKE OUTPUT

Issue Date: 000

Fluid Balance Record

RESULTS:

Redesigned the current fluid balance chart in order to meet the WDHB standards.

Space created for

- Documentation of fluid prescription time
- Signatures of nurses administering and checking IV fluids
- Documentation of hourly IVL site and fluid check
- Column for start level in oral/gastric section
- Separate totals for IV and Oral/Gastric fluids

Conclusion:

Successful implementation of accurate fluid balance record across WDHB.

Informal feedback from medical and nursing staff has been positive.

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