Safety starts with me

March's Universal Skill: Communicate Clearly

3-Way Repeat Backs/Read Backs

3-Way Read Back is the same as a 3-Way Repeat Back,
BUT...the receiver writes down the information and reads it back.

Always Read-Back:

- Orders given over the phone
- Critical information (such as critical labs
- Any information that needs to be added to a patient's medical record
- Any information that needs to be passed to another individual

When information is transferred...

- Sender initiates communication using Receiver's Name. Sender provides an order, request or information to Receiver in a clear and concise format.
- Receiver acknowledges receipt by a repeat-back of the order, request, or information.
- Sender acknowledges the accuracy of the repeat-back by saying "That's correct!" If not correct, Sender repeats the communication.



"OH I DON'T MIND THE JOGGING, BUT I THINK YOU TRICKED ME. WHEN YOU ASKED IF I WANTED TO EXERCISE, I THOUGHT YOU SAID, EXTRA FRIES!"

A Safety & Reliability Phrase: "Let me repeat that back..."