

What is claimed is:

1. A scheduling and reporting system for hospital patients comprising:

means for entering data regarding the location of each patient, the location of each patient further being in the vicinity of one common area, said means for entering further includes entering data regarding physician orders for hospital services to be performed for each patient;

means for scheduling the ordered services for each patient and for reporting the schedule information to said one common area;

means for recording and reporting the results of the services administered to each patient to said common area; and

means responsive to said recorded information for generating a discharge summary report for each patient at the conclusion of the hospitalization of such patient, said discharge summary including a summary of selective results of the services administered recorded;

wherein said means for entering physicians orders for services includes entering priority data manifesting the priority of each ordered service; and

wherein said means for scheduling includes means, responsive to said priority data for rescheduling previously scheduled services in response to higher priority data for subsequently entered services.

2. The invention according to claim 1 wherein said system further includes means for entering medical data regarding the progress of said patient during the hospitalization.

3. The invention according to claim 2 wherein said medical data includes nurses notes regarding the progress of each patient.

4. The invention according to claim 2 wherein said medical data includes physician notes regarding the progress of each patient.

5. The invention according to claim 4 wherein said medical data includes nurses notes regarding the progress of each patient.

6. The invention according to claim 2 wherein said means for generating said discharge summary report includes means for summarizing selective recorded results of said medical data entered.

7. The invention according to claim 6 wherein said medical data includes nurses notes regarding the progress of each patient.

8. The invention according to claim 1 wherein said means for reporting results provides such results in a form usable as a part of a patient's chart.

9. The invention according to claim 8 wherein said means for reporting results further includes printer means at each common area.

10. The invention according to claim 9 wherein each common area is a nurses station.

11. The invention according to claim 1 wherein said system includes a central computer system and said means for entering and means for reporting include terminals of said computer system.

12. The invention according to claim 1 wherein said system further includes storage means for storing data from which a chart for each patient may be reported.

13. The invention according to claim 1 wherein each common area is a nurses station.

14. A method of scheduling patient services and recording patient data for a hospitalized patient comprising the steps of:

- recording a location for each patient;
- recording physician orders for services to be performed upon each patient;
- automatically scheduling the services for each patient;

- recording the results of the performance of said services; and
- providing a discharge summary record for each patient;

wherein the step of recording physician orders includes prioritizing the services ordered; and wherein said step of scheduling includes rescheduling in response to higher priorities for use of the services.

15. The method according to claim 14 wherein said method further includes the steps of recording patient data relating to the progress of each patient during the hospitalization and providing a documented copy of each record at a common area in the vicinity of the location of each for inclusion with each patient chart.

16. The method according to claim 15 wherein said discharge record includes a summary of selective recorded patient data relating to the progress of each patient during the hospitalization.

17. The method according to claim 14 wherein said discharge record includes a summary of selected recorded results.

18. The invention according to claim 14 wherein said method further includes the steps of selectively storing the information recorded to permit recreation of a patient chart for each patient.

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