1. The four patient classifications are assigned four colors used in the EOC meeting on the central monitoring screen. 30 minutes prior to the next shift, the outgoing Charge Nurse scores patients’ acuity using the Patient Classification System.

2. Outgoing Charge Nurse endorses:
   - Special Endorsements
   - Charge Nurses’ Shift Report
   - Prepared patient assignments

3. The incoming shift discusses the assignments with the outgoing Charge Nurse.

4. Bedside Nurses proceed to their respective assigned patients for bedside-to-bedside endorsement.

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ASSIGNING PATIENT ACUITY SCORE
- GREEN: Self-Care or Minimal Care Score = 1
- YELLOW: Moderate Care Score = 2
- ORANGE: Maximum Care Score = 3
- RED: Intensive Care Score = 4

ASSESSING NURSE CAPABILITY & READINESS
- Maximum Total Patient Acuity Score for each Nurse
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
  - 3

EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PATIENT ASSIGNMENTS
- Equitable distribution of Patients
  - 4
  - 4
  - 5
- Inequitable distribution of Patients
  - 6
  - 2
  - 1
  - 4