ICU Nurse Brain Sheet

One patient · One shift · Verify all details against current orders and the approved record.

Patient snapshot and report

Date / shift: _____ Unit-approved identifier: _____

Admission / procedure / relevant history: _____

Allergies / reactions: _____ Code status verified: _____

Baseline / current concern / precautions: _____

Neuro, pain and comfort

Neuro baseline / changes / ordered assessment: _____

Pain / sedation goal per order: _____ Current / response: _____

Cardiovascular and perfusion

Rhythm / hemodynamic trends: _____

Ordered targets / support / reassessment due: _____

Respiratory and airway

Airway / oxygen or ventilator support, verified: _____

Settings / ordered targets / trends / airway concerns: _____

Renal, fluid balance and metabolic

Urine / drains / intake-output trends: _____

Fluid balance / renal support / glucose / electrolyte follow-up: _____

GI, nutrition, skin and mobility

Diet / enteral access / tolerance / bowel: _____

Skin / wounds / positioning / mobility plan: _____

Lines, tubes, drains and infection concerns

Device / site / indication / concerns / review: _____

Temperature / cultures / isolation / pending follow-up: _____

Infusions and high-alert medication reminders

Verify with the MAR, pump, current orders and required independent checks. This is not a titration guide.

Infusion / concentration	Rate / units / time verified	Ordered goal / limits	Next check / response

Now → next → reassess

Top concern / change from baseline:

Next action / help needed / check-back time:

Time-sensitive tasks and pending results

□ Task / test / lab / consult · time · follow-up owner

Handoff and close the loop

Meaningful changes / response to care / unresolved concerns / pending work / next action and owner:

Patient / family priorities and communication: _____

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