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## *Information for You from Your Health Care Team*

### **The Bedside Monitor**

The monitor screen looks like a small television above the patient's bed. The monitor gives the healthcare team information that is used to make decisions about treatments.

- **ECG/Heart rate:** The number of times the heart beats per minute.  
(DISPLAYED IN WHITE ON THE MONITOR)
- **Blood Pressure:** The measure of pressure in the blood vessels (arteries).  
(DISPLAYED IN RED ON THE MONITOR)
- **Respirations:** The number of breaths per minute.  
(DISPLAYED IN GREEN ON THE MONITOR)
- **Pulse Oximeter:** The percentage of oxygen carried by the red blood cells.  
(DISPLAYED IN PURPLE ON THE MONITOR)

The information displayed on each patient monitor is also displayed on a central monitor at the nurses' station.