CHARTING STANDARD REMINDERS

1. Calculate the VAMASS and record it in the graphic record. Document the score that best reflects the patient's score during the previous hour. For example, in the 0800 hr box, record the typical score between 0700 and 0800 hrs. Document:
    - Q 1 h for:
        i. patients receiving continuous sedatives and/or analgesics
        ii. patients receiving prn sedatives q 1 h or more frequently
    - Q 4 h and prn for:
        i. patients receiving prn sedatives and/or analgesics less frequently than q 1 h
    - If the patient is not ventilated, record the MASS score (the numerical component only)

2. With each prn dose of sedation, record the VAMASS score prior to drug administration. This provides a rationale for the prn dose. For example, if midazolam 2 mg is given because the patient has a VAMASS of 5C at 1415 hrs, chart:

    1430 hrs
    2 mg
    5C

3. Document the VAMASS goal and treatment plan each morning in the 24 hour assessment record.

4. Once per shift, make a DAR entry in the AI record that includes the following:
    D: describe the patients pain, anxiety or agitation.
    A: summarize medication requirements and non-medication strategies used
    R: describe the patients response to any interventions