

# BE ON YOUR PATIENTS'



## S.I.D.E.

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Use **S.I.D.E.**\* to remember overarching nursing care principles:

**S**afety and comfort. Make safety and comfort top priority.

**I**nfection prevention. Be alert to infection risks; wash your hands; teach patients to do the same.

**D**ignity. Help patients maintain self-respect; ensure privacy.

**E**ngage and educate. Involve patients and families in making decisions; teach them what they need to know to be independent.

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