Concordance of Plan Adjudication Scoring Guidelines

The goal is to determine if there is Complete Agreement, Partial Agreement, or No Agreement for each of the 9 items that were asked of the nurse and responding clinician.

Here are guidelines for determining whether Complete, Partial, or No Agreement should be selected:

Complete Agreement:

* Raters should select Complete Agreement if the Responding Clinician and Nurse use different terms but are referring to the same thing. For example, if the nurse says the diagnosis is chest pain and the physician says unstable angina, Complete Agreement should be selected. Or, if for tests the nurse says venous ultrasound and the responding clinician says LENI.
* Raters should select Complete Agreement if one used a general term and the other used a more specific term, e.g. Urosepsis and Bacteremia or Upper GI Bleed and Ulcer.
* Raters should select Complete Agreement for diagnosis if one person responds with presenting symptoms or findings and the other person gives corresponding diagnosis to those symptoms or findings, e.g. hematemesis and bleeding varices.
* Raters should select Complete Agreement for Tests and/or Procedures if one person responds with one test/procedure in both rows (e.g. “ECHO” in both “tests” and “procedures”) and the other person has the same test/procedure in only one row, with nothing else in the other row (e.g. “ECHO” in “tests” only, and nothing in “procedures”). If there are other elements included in one responder and not the other, it would be considered partial agreement
* Raters should select Complete Agreement for Tests if one person puts “BMP and CBC” and the other responds “regular/normal labs”
* Raters should select Complete Agreement for Tests and/or Procedures if one person puts nothing and the other person says ?X depending on input from Y, but not ordered yet (for example, ?Chest x-ray depending on input from pulmonology later today, but not ordered yet)

Partial Agreement

* Raters should select Partial Agreement if there is overlap between what is included in the Responding Clinician and Nurses response. For example, for tests, if the nurse says venous ultrasound and the Responding Clinician says venous ultrasound and CT angiogram.
* Raters should select Partial Agreement for med changes if one person gives two parts of a medication change and the other gives a single part, e.g. Protonix drip changed to boluses vs. Discontinue protonix drip.
* Raters should select Partial Agreement for diagnosis if the responders select two different diagnoses on a differential related to a single medical issue, e.g. polyarthritis vs. septic arthritis
* Raters should select Partial Agreement for Tests if one person puts “regular labs” or “CBC and BMP” and the other person puts nothing
* Raters should select Partial Agreement for Medication changes if one responder puts changes to the IVF and the other person puts nothing
* Raters should select Partial Agreement for consult services if one person says a non-MD service that does not require a consult (care coordination, interpreter) and the other person says nothing

No Agreement

* Raters should select No Agreement if one of the responders gave an answer that is so vague that it is meaningless, e.g. Blood cultures vs. labs.
* Raters should select No Agreement for medication changes if medication changes described are opposites, e.g. Decrease Bumex vs. Increase bumex.
* Raters should select No agreement for consulting services if one person says a non-MD service that you put in a consult for (Physical Theray, Social Work, Speech and Swallow evaluation) and the other person says nothing. However, if one person says care coordinator and the other person says nothing, that would be rated partial agreement (since you don’t place a consult for care coordination)

For Anticipated Discharge Date

* Complete agreement if there is an exact match (e.g. both say discharge tomorrow or date exactly matches.
* Partial agreement if they are off by one day (e.g. if the nurse says today and the responding clinician says tomorrow).
* No Agreement if they are off by greater than one day.