

DIVA – the Renal Transplant Ward Round

Making your patient a DIVA

The mnemonic DIVA represents the four key areas of management that can be missed during the multi-disciplinary ward round due to the complexity of transplant patients. This mnemonic serves as an aide-memoire when reviewing patients. It also avoids ward round stickers which can be cumbersome for junior doctors to find and place in the notes on a busy ward round.

D	DVT prophylaxis	Mini-hep (commence/withhold/re-start); TED stockings
I	Immunosuppression	Tacrolimus; MMF; Prednisolone dosing
V	Venflon & lines	Phlebitis present?; Remove; Re-site
A	Antimicrobials	Antibiotics; Antivirals; Antifungals; Prophylaxis

DIVA on the Ward Round

- DIVA is written in the notes by the clinician documenting during the ward round (usually the FY2/SHO) and ticked after being considered (see example below).
- Generally, the Registrar and FY2/SHO will use DIVA whilst the unstructured part of the ward round is occurring (consultant carrying out clinical exam). You are ensuring that D, I, A are prescribed **and given**. The pharmacist (if present) double checks that DIVA is complete.
- The consultant checks with the team that DIVA has been checked, completed and identified issues resolved.
- It is the responsibility of the ward team as a whole to ensure DIVA is considered for each patient before moving on. The consultant and allocated checkers of DIVA must ensure it has been implemented and identified issues resolved.

DIVA documentation in patient case notes

	PLAN
<i>D</i>	<i>withhold mini-hep for renal biopsy tomorrow morning</i>
<i>I</i>	<i>Increase Tacro to 3.5mg BD</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>aim oral fluid intake of 5 litres today</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>stop IV antibiotics after 10pm dose</i>