What’s the change?
On September 14, 2015 pharmacy technicians will be staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Emergency Department at Christiana Hospital focusing their efforts on obtaining Medication Histories.

As part of the Discharge Redesign Project, Pharmacy Staff will have a prioritized list, assisting them to complete a FULL medication history to expedite hospitalist’s admission and medication accuracy.

What’s the goal?
Increase medication histories collected by pharmacy technicians for HIGH risk patients in the ED, measured by % completion within 1 hour of task firing to allow the admitting provider to complete admission medication.

How is High Risk determined?
The Risk Stratification Algorithm will take into account:
- Age
- Readmission status
- Referral Source (e.g. Nursing Home)
- # of medications
- presence of high risk medications

What do I need to do?
The risk stratification algorithm and associated medication history tasks are triggered off of the ED Intends to Request Bed order and again when an Admission/Observation order is placed.

Increased utilization of the ED Intends to Request Bed order when there is high likelihood the patient will be admitted is critical to enable the pharmacy technicians to complete timely medication history prior to the admitting provider encountering the patient.

The easiest way to add the ED Intends to Request Bed order in Launch Point is to click in the Consult Column for the patient.

On the Consult screen, check the box next to ED Intends to Request Bed order and then click Sign.