

PC.10.1.17 Provisional diagnosis.

PC.10.2 The most responsible physician ensures all patients under his care have a complete medical assessment with all diagnostic tests and referrals as required to reach a final diagnosis.

PC.10.3 Medical assessment is performed by the most responsible physician or a member of the team who is qualified by license, certification, and experience.

PC.10.4 Diagnostic tests (e.g., laboratory and radiology) are available as indicated by the hospital's scope of service and the professional standards of care.

PC.10.5 Diagnostic tests (e.g., laboratory and radiology) are appropriately and timely ordered to aid in reaching a final diagnosis.

PC.10.6 The medical assessment is documented in the patient's medical record.

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**Standard Intent:**

The patient's initial medical assessment must cover all essential basic elements such as those mentioned in the substandard 10.1.1 through 10.1.17. In addition, an appropriately ordered diagnostic tests (laboratory and radiology) must be documented and available in the patient's file. It is the responsibility of a qualified and licensed physician under the supervision of the most responsible physician.

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**PC.11 Nursing assessment is completed and documented for each patient.**

PC.11.1 The nursing assessment is performed by a staff nurse.

PC.11.2 The nursing assessment identifies the patient's nursing needs.

PC.11.3 The nursing assessment must be timely and complete.

PC.11.4 The nursing assessment is documented in the patient's medical record.

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**Standard Intent:**

Nursing assessments are primary to the initiation of care and may also identify a need for other assessments. The Nursing assessments are conducted by individuals qualified as registered nurse. The Nursing assessments must be completed and documented in patient's file in timely manner. Please identify timely.

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**PC.12 Additional and specialized assessments are performed for identified patient groups.**

PC.12.1 There are criteria implemented to identify patient groups who need additional or specialized assessments.

PC.12.2 Additional assessment includes, but is not limited to, the following categories:

PC.12.2.1 Patients in severe or chronic pain.

PC.12.2.2 Children.

PC.12.2.3 Frail and elderly.

PC.12.2.4 Suspected victims of abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.

PC.12.2.5 Drug abuse.

PC.12.2.6 Psychiatric disorders.