



- HHC.8.1.3 Interaction between patient medications and food.
- HHC.8.1.4 Pain management.
- HHC.8.1.5 Nutritional counseling.
- HHC.8.1.6 Infection control practices including hand hygiene.
- HHC.8.1.7 Handling and disposing hazardous waste.
- HHC.8.1.8 Home safety instructions.
- HHC.8.1.9 Storage and handling of medical gases and related supplies.

HHC.8.2 Patient/family/caregiver education is documented in the patient's medical record.

## **HHC.9 The hospital ensures a safe home healthcare environment for patient, family, and staff.**

- HHC.9.1 Safety rounds are conducted to identify safety issues and safety concerns.
- HHC.9.2 Patients/families are informed about the identified risks and recommendations to address them. (e.g., use of assistive equipment and devices like canes, walkers and bath benches, changes made to the home environment like adding ramps and lowering cabinets, and having smoke detectors in case oxygen therapy is used).
- HHC.9.3 There is a fire safety plan that clarifies the response to fires and handling of potential fire hazards in the home care setting.
- HHC.9.4 Utility systems are assessed to determine its appropriateness.
- HHC.9.5 There is a process for the identification, handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and waste.

## **HHC.10 The hospital ensures the availability and safety of medical equipment.**

- HHC.10.1 The hospital ensures availability of the medical equipment required for plan of care in the patient home.
- HHC.10.2 The medical equipment in the patient home are inspected, tested and maintained by qualified staff.

## **HHC.11 Policies and procedures ensure safe management of medications in the home healthcare setting.**

- HHC.11.1 There is a policy and procedure to ensure stability and potency of medications and nutritional therapy solutions delivered to the patient's home.
- HHC.11.2 There are policies and procedures for the preparation, storage, administration and monitoring effects of medications.
- HHC.11.3 New medication orders are reviewed by a pharmacist as outlined in the "Medication Management" chapter in this manual.
- HHC.11.4 The medication regimen of the patient is reviewed at least once a month by a licensed pharmacist.



---

HHC.11.5 The pharmacist reports any irregularities to the most responsible physician and/or nurse. Appropriate actions are taken accordingly.

HHC.11.6 Patient and/or caregiver are trained on the storage, proper preparation, administration, and monitoring of medications at home.

---

## **HHC.12 Infection control policies and procedures are applied in the home healthcare setting.**

HHC.12.1 The infection control program provides a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and helps prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection.

HHC.12.2 Home healthcare services follow and implement an evidence-based immunization program.

HHC.12.3 Home healthcare services identify the patient care processes associated with the risk of infection and implement interventions to reduce that risk.

---

## **HHC.13 The hospital promotes patient safety and quality care for patients requiring home healthcare.**

HHC.13.1 The hospital uses evidence based practices that promote hand hygiene.

HHC.13.2 The hospital uses evidence based practices for prediction, prevention and management of pressure ulcers and other wounds.

HHC.13.3 The hospital uses evidence based practices for assessment of risk for fall and for risk reduction interventions.

HHC.13.4 The hospital uses evidence based practices for diabetic foot care.

HHC.13.5 The hospital uses evidence based practices for ensuring medication compliance.

---

## **HHC.14 The hospital has a standardized and effective transfer process to external home healthcare organizations.**

HHC.14.1 The hospital maintains a list of licensed home healthcare organizations located in the geographical area where its patient population resides.

HHC.14.2 The list is provided to patients as indicated in the patient's discharge plan.

HHC.14.3 There is a policy and procedure in place that defines an effective process for transferring patients to outside home health care organizations.

HHC.14.3.1 The policy identifies an individual responsible for communication with the home healthcare organization performing the transfer process (e.g., social worker).

HHC.14.3.2 The policy defines the criteria for transfer to home health care organizations.

HHC.14.3.3 The policy is collaboratively developed by different disciplines (e.g., physicians, nurses, and social workers).

HHC.14.4 There is a physician order for transfer to a home health care organization.

---