

- NR.9.3 Nursing services are provided by registered nurses in accordance with their license and scope of practice.
- NR.9.4 Qualified registered nurses are readily available to provide bedside nursing care to all patients twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.
- NR.9.5 Nursing assistants or aides are supervised by a registered nurse at all times.
- NR.9.6 Nursing assistants have clearly defined job description and responsibilities.
- NR.9.7 There is an education program for nursing assistants performing patient-care services to orient them to their role.

NR.10 There is a comprehensive nursing assessment for each patient upon admission.

- NR.10.1 The nursing assessment is timely completed by a registered nurse.
- NR.10.2 The scope and content of the nursing assessment is defined in hospital policies and may include:
 - NR.10.2.1 History of the patient's main complaint.
 - NR.10.2.2 Drug allergies.
 - NR.10.2.3 Physical condition.
 - NR.10.2.4 Psychosocial status.
 - NR.10.2.5 Pain assessment.
 - NR.10.2.6 Nutritional Status.
 - NR.10.2.7 Discharge planning.
 - NR.10.2.8 Skin assessment.
 - NR.10.2.9 Fall risk assessment.
- NR.10.3 The nursing assessment identifies nursing care needs for each patient upon admission.
- NR.10.4 All patients are reassessed at appropriate intervals (at least on every shift) to determine their response to treatment and to plan for continued treatment and discharge.
- NR.10.5 The nursing assessment is documented in the patient's medical record.

NR.11 There is a nursing plan of care for each patient.

- NR.11.1 A nursing plan of care is developed for all inpatients.
- NR.11.2 The nursing plan of care is consistent with the medical plan of care.
- NR.11.3 The nursing plan of care is reviewed on every shift, upon any significant change in the patient's condition, and when new treatments are added or current treatments are discontinued.
- NR.11.4 The nursing plan of care is documented in the patient's medical record.

NR.12 The nursing department ensures adequate supplies and equipment for the safe and effective provision of care.

- NR.12.1 The nursing department ensures the availability of equipment and supplies necessary for the safe and effective provision of care. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - NR.12.1.1 Scales appropriate to the age group and mobility needs of the patient.
 - NR.12.1.2 Stretchers with safety straps.
 - NR.12.1.3 Equipment for taking vital signs.
 - NR.12.1.4 Wheelchairs with safety straps.
 - NR.12.1.5 Sharp boxes.
 - NR.12.1.6 Foot stools.