
PC.27.5 Seclusion areas are adequately lit, equipped with special safety features, and provide protection for patients and staff.

Standard Intent:

There must be a qualified physician to provide care for psychiatric patients as well as an admission and discharge criteria for psychiatric patients. This must include the need for psychiatric care and choice of modality are based on sound clinical principles and a thorough clinical evaluation of the medical condition and co-morbidities. The physical layout of the psychiatry service area must allow for quiet and separate counseling of patients and families, access only by authorized staff, quick assistance from security and means to separate adults from pediatrics. Seclusion areas are adequately lit, equipped with special safety features, and provide protection for patients and staff.

PC.28 Policies and procedures guide the care of psychiatric patients.

PC.28.1 There are policies and procedures to guide the care of psychiatric patients which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- PC.28.1.1 Use of patient restraints.
- PC.28.1.2 Use of sedation.
- PC.28.1.3 Management and care of violent patients.
- PC.28.1.4 Management of patients with depression.
- PC.28.1.5 Risk assessment for identification of patients at risk for suicide.
- PC.28.1.6 Environmental assessment for patients at risk for suicide.
- PC.28.1.7 Management of patients at risk for suicide.
- PC.28.1.8 Management of patients with psychosis.
- PC.28.1.9 Use of safe seclusion.
- PC.28.1.10 Guidelines for the use of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT).

PC.28.2 The policies and procedures are developed by qualified psychiatrist in collaboration with other relevant professionals.

PC.28.3 Staff members are aware of and implement all relevant policies.

Standard Intent:

Hospital providing psychiatric care must develop and implement policies that regulate the care of psychiatric services. The policies must be developed by qualified psychiatrist in collaboration with relevant professionals. Policies should be at least based on the substandard PC.28.1.1 through PC.28.1.10.

PC.29 A Policy and procedure guide the care of patients on restraints.

PC.29.1 The hospital implements a policy and procedure that defines the Indications for restraints.