

**PC.9      Initial assessment of patients is completed and documented in the medical record on a timely manner.**

- PC.9.1 The hospital implements a policy that defines the time frame for completing the medical, nursing, and other assessments required for different care settings and services.
- PC.9.2 Medical and nursing assessments are completed and documented within the first 24 hours of admission for routine elective cases.
- PC.9.3 Medical and nursing assessments are completed and documented earlier whenever indicated by the patient's condition and the hospital policy.
- PC.9.4 Assessments completed within 30 days prior to admission or an outpatient visit can be used with a documented update of any significant changes.
- PC.9.5 Assessments completed more than 30 days prior to admission or an outpatient visit must be repeated.
- PC.9.6 Medical and nursing assessments are completed and documented for all patients prior to surgery, anesthesia or invasive procedures.

**PC.10     Medical assessment is completed and documented for each patient.**

- PC.10.1 Each patient undergoes an initial medical assessment that includes a health history and physical examination, covering the following:
  - PC.10.1.1 Main complaint.
  - PC.10.1.2 Details of the present illness.
  - PC.10.1.3 Systems review.
  - PC.10.1.4 Past history including previous admissions and surgeries.
  - PC.10.1.5 Allergies and prior adverse drug reactions.
  - PC.10.1.6 Drug history.
  - PC.10.1.7 Family history.
  - PC.10.1.8 Psycho-social history.
  - PC.10.1.9 Economic factors.
  - PC.10.1.10 Pain (screening followed by assessment if required).
  - PC.10.1.11 Risk for fall (screening followed by assessment if required).
  - PC.10.1.12 Physical status and functionality (screening followed by assessment if required).
  - PC.10.1.13 Complete physical examination.
  - PC.10.1.14 Diagnostic test(s) as indicated by the patient's condition.
  - PC.10.1.15 Need for additional or specialized assessment as indicated by the patient's condition.
  - PC.10.1.16 Need for discharge planning as indicated by the patient's condition.
  - 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.