

Physiotherapy services (PT)

STANDARDS

PT.1 Physiotherapy services are provided by qualified therapists.

- PT.1.1 A physiotherapist qualified by education, training, and experience manages the physiotherapy department.
- PT.1.1.1 The department head supervises all aspects of physiotherapy services in the hospital.
- PT.1.1.2 The department head develops a written scope of services of the physiotherapy department.
- PT.1.1.3 The department head recommends space and equipment to meet the scope of services.
- PT.1.2 Staff members are qualified by appropriate education, training, and experience in physical rehabilitation.

PT.2 Policies, procedures and protocols guide the care of patients undergoing physiotherapy in the hospital.

- PT.2.1 Policies, procedures, and protocols include, but are not limited to, the following:
- PT.2.1.1 Management of strokes.
- PT.2.1.2 Management of hip replacements.
- PT.2.1.3 Management of knee replacements.
- PT.2.1.4 Management of back pain.
- PT.2.1.5 Safety measures.
- PT.2.1.6 Communication with the physicians.
- PT.2.2 Policies are collaboratively developed with the medical staff, nursing staff, and other relevant departments.

PT.3 Patients identified to be at functional risk have comprehensive functional assessment performed.

- PT.3.1 Functional screening is conducted by qualified hospital staff (e.g., registered nurse) to determine the patient's need for a comprehensive functional assessment by a licensed therapist.
- PT.3.2 The criteria used for functional screening during the initial assessment of patients are developed and approved by qualified therapists
- PT.3.3 Comprehensive functional assessment is performed by a qualified therapist for each patient identified at functional risk during the initial screening or assessment.
- PT.3.4 Functional assessment is completed within twenty four hours of referral.
- PT.3.5 The comprehensive functional assessment is described in a policy and procedure.
- PT.3.6 Functional screening and assessment findings are documented in the patient's medical record.