



- 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.
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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.
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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.