

HHC.11.5 The pharmacist reports any irregularities to the most responsible physician and/or nurse. Appropriate actions are taken accordingly.

HHC.11.6 Patient and/or caregiver are trained on the storage, proper preparation, administration, and monitoring of medications at home.

**HHC.12 Infection control policies and procedures are applied in the home healthcare setting.**

HHC.12.1 The infection control program provides a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and helps prevent the development and transmission of disease and infection.

HHC.12.2 Home healthcare services follow and implement an evidence-based immunization program.

HHC.12.3 Home healthcare services identify the patient care processes associated with the risk of infection and implement interventions to reduce that risk.

**HHC.13 The hospital promotes patient safety and quality care for patients requiring home healthcare.**

HHC.13.1 The hospital uses evidence based practices that promote hand hygiene.

HHC.13.2 The hospital uses evidence based practices for prediction, prevention and management of pressure ulcers and other wounds.

HHC.13.3 The hospital uses evidence based practices for assessment of risk for fall and for risk reduction interventions.

HHC.13.4 The hospital uses evidence based practices for diabetic foot care.

HHC.13.5 The hospital uses evidence based practices for ensuring medication compliance.

**HHC.14 The hospital has a standardized and effective transfer process to external home healthcare organizations.**

HHC.14.1 The hospital maintains a list of licensed home healthcare organizations located in the geographical area where its patient population resides.

HHC.14.2 The list is provided to patients as indicated in the patient's discharge plan.

HHC.14.3 There is a policy and procedure in place that defines an effective process for transferring patients to outside home health care organizations.

HHC.14.3.1 The policy identifies an individual responsible for communication with the home healthcare organization performing the transfer process (e.g., social worker).

HHC.14.3.2 The policy defines the criteria for transfer to home health care organizations.

HHC.14.3.3 The policy is collaboratively developed by different disciplines (e.g., physicians, nurses, and social workers).

~~HHC.14.4 There is a physician order for transfer to a home health care organization.~~