

- PC.10.5 Diagnostic tests (e.g., laboratory and radiology) are appropriately and timely ordered to aid in reaching a final diagnosis.
- PC.10.6 The medical assessment is documented in the patient's medical record.

### **PC.11 Nursing assessment is completed and documented for each patient.**

- PC.11.1 The nursing assessment is performed by a staff nurse.
- PC.11.2 The nursing assessment identifies the patient's nursing needs.
- PC.11.3 The nursing assessment must be timely and complete.
- PC.11.4 The nursing assessment is documented in the patient's medical record.

### **PC.12 Additional and specialized assessments are performed for identified patient groups.**

- PC.12.1 There are criteria implemented to identify patient groups who need additional or specialized assessments.
- PC.12.2 Additional assessment includes, but is not limited to, the following categories:
- PC.12.2.1 Patients in severe or chronic pain.
  - PC.12.2.2 Children.
  - PC.12.2.3 Frail and elderly.
  - PC.12.2.4 Suspected victims of abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.
  - PC.12.2.5 Drug abuse.
  - PC.12.2.6 Psychiatric disorders.
  - PC.12.2.7 Women in labor.
  - PC.12.2.8 Terminally ill and dying patients.
- PC.12.3 Specialized assessment includes patients with dental, hearing, eye or speech defects.
- PC.12.4 When additional or specialized assessments are required, they are completed and documented in the patient's medical record.

### **PC.13 The hospital has a process to manage patients of suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.**

- PC.13.1 The hospital has a policy and procedure that defines the initial screening criteria and subsequent assessment of cases subjected to abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.
- PC.13.2 The screening criteria are developed by qualified individuals.
- PC.13.3 The policy defines the staff members responsible for assessment and management of such cases in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.
- PC.13.4 Staff members are aware of the relevant laws and regulations and are educated about managing cases of abuse and neglect.

### **PC.14 Patients are assessed, reassessed, and managed for pain.**

- PC.14.1 The hospital addresses pain (acute/chronic) assessment and management as a patient's right.
- PC.14.2 The hospital implements a policy that clearly defines:
- PC.14.2.1 Requirements for a comprehensive pain assessment and management.
  - PC.14.2.2 Frequency of pain re-assessment.