

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.

Standard Intent:

The information gathered at the initial medical and/or nursing assessment, may indicate that the needs further or more in-depth assessment such as dental, hearing, vision and/or specialized additional assessment in some categories of patients. These assessments must be completed and documented in patient's file.

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.

Standard Intent:

The assessment of patients subjected to abuse, neglect, or domestic violence are shaped by the culture of the patient population. These assessments are not intended to be proactive case-finding processes. Rather, the assessment of those patients responds to their needs and condition in a culturally acceptable and confidential manner. The assessment process is modified to be consistent with local laws and regulations and professional standards related to such populations and situations and to involve the family when appropriate or necessary.

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.