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- HHC.5.3 The need for home healthcare and choice of modality are based on sound clinical principles and a thorough clinical evaluation of medical condition and co-morbidities.
  - HHC.5.4 Patients are reassessed at regular intervals (as defined in policies and procedures), their response to the plan of care is monitored and adjustments are made accordingly.
  - HHC.5.5 The assessment, reassessment, plan of care and the response to treatment are documented in the patient's medical record as part of multidisciplinary team planning.
  - HHC.5.6 The completion of an episode of home healthcare service is considered by a discharge order by the most responsible physician with documentation in the patient's medical record.
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## **HHC.6 The hospital ensures coordination and integration of home healthcare services.**

- HHC.6.1 The hospital assigns an individual (e.g., registered nurse) responsible for coordination and integration of care of each patient.
    - HHC.6.1.1 The assigned individual provides a link in the continuum of care between different staff members, caregivers and the patient.
    - HHC.6.1.2 The assigned individual communicates all relevant information to relevant staff and care givers on a timely manner.
  - HHC.6.2 The hospital provides the most responsible physician with information about the patient in defined time frames.
  - HHC.6.3 Changes in the patient's condition are reported to the most responsible physician.
  - HHC.6.4 Each patient/family can identify and contact the individual responsible for the coordination of his care.
  - HHC.6.5 The patient/family is educated about how and when to contact the individual responsible for coordinating his care.
  - HHC.6.6 Care is provided by the same healthcare provider whenever possible.
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## **HHC.7 Policies and procedures govern the use of laboratory investigations in the home healthcare setting.**

- HHC.7.1 Point of care testing is performed by trained and competent individuals.
  - HHC.7.2 Quality control of point of care testing is performed and reviewed regularly by a qualified individual.
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## **HHC.8 The hospital provides appropriate education to patient/family/caregiver to ensure safe care delivery and participation of patient/family in the care process.**

- HHC.8.1 Patient/family/caregiver education includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - HHC.8.1.1 Safe use of medications.
  - HHC.8.1.2 Safe use of medical equipment.