
NR.11 There is a nursing plan of care for each patient.

NR.11.1 A nursing plan of care is developed for all inpatients.

NR.11.2 The nursing plan of care is consistent with the medical plan of care.

NR.11.3 The nursing plan of care is reviewed on every shift, upon any significant change in the patient's condition, and when new treatments are added or current treatments are discontinued.

NR.11.4 The nursing plan of care is documented in the patient's medical record.

Standard Intent:

The plan of care outlines care and treatment to be provided to an individual patient. The plan of care identifies a set of actions that the health care team will implement to resolve or support the diagnosis identified by assessment. The overall goal of a plan of care is to achieve optimal clinical outcomes. The plan of care is developed within 24 hours of admission as an inpatient and consistent with the medical plan of care. Based on the reassessment of the patient performed, the plan of care is updated as appropriate to reflect the evolving condition of the patient. The plan of care is documented in the patient's record. The plan of care for a patient must be related to his/her identified needs. Those needs may change as the result of clinical improvement or new information from a routine reassessment. The plan of care is revised based on these changes or at least every shift and is documented in the record as notes to the initial plan, or they may result in a new plan of care.

NR.12 The nursing department ensures adequate supplies and equipment for the safe and effective provision of care.

NR.12.1 The nursing department ensures the availability of equipment and supplies necessary for the safe and effective provision of care. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

NR.12.1.1 Scales appropriate to the age group and mobility needs of the patient.

NR.12.1.2 Stretchers with safety straps.

NR.12.1.3 Equipment for taking vital signs.

NR.12.1.4 Wheelchairs with safety straps.

NR.12.1.5 Sharp boxes.

NR.12.1.6 Footstools.

NR.12.1.7 Lifting devices.

NR.12.1.8 Soft restraints.

NR.12.1.9 Bed rails.

NR.12.1.10 Devices for treatment and prevention of skin breakdown.

NR.12.1.11 Patient call bell.

NR.12.1.12 Oxygen and suction.