



**MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
MOUNT SINAI QUEENS
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

POLICY TITLE:	NURSING ASSESSMENT - MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE AND AMBULATORY PROCEDURAL AREAS		
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CROSS REFERENCE:

NU 505: Pain Screening, Assessment, and Reassessment
WCS -P -20: Pain Management in Children
Gpp-208: Abuse, Neglect, and Maltreatment Assessment and Intervention
NU-162: Nursing Management of Fall and Injury Reduction in the Adult Patient
MSHS EM 1.0: Nursing Management of Fall and Injury Prevention in the Adult Patient in the Emergency Department
NU – 1145: Nursing Assessment and Documentation
GPP – 238: Suicide Prevention - Non Behavioral Health Settings

Policy:

The registered nurse performs an intake assessment of the patient presenting to ambulatory procedural areas and the emergency department for care. The data collected is communicated and documented in the medical record.

1. The following elements are required documentation and is completed prior to the patient's final disposition decision:
 - a. Suicide screening assessment on patients 12 years of age and older
 - b. Abuse screening
 - c. Fall risk screening
2. The following additional information is collected and documented as part of the nursing assessment. This information is documented prior to the close of the register nurses shift.
 - a. Vital signs defined as temperature, blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate and pain score
 - b. Preferred language and need for interpreter
 - c. Allergies
 - d. Advanced Directives and Code Status
 - e. Psychosocial assessment
 - f. Medical, surgical history, and social history
 - i. Social history includes substance and alcohol abuse screening (12 years of age and older) and sexual activity (12 years of age and older)
 - g. Review and confirmation of current medications
3. Age specific pain assessment and reassessment is completed per hospital policy.
4. ED assessment by system



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- a. A system focused assessment related to the patient's clinical presentation is completed on patients in the emergency department.
- b. Reassessment is completed every 4 hours and if there is a change in clinical status.

References

The Joint Commission. (2018). Hospital Accreditation Standards. Oakbrook Terrace , Ill. Standards:

1. PC.01.02.01: The hospital assesses and reassess its patients
2. PC.01.02.08: The hospital assesses and manages patient's risks for falls
3. PC.01.02.09: The hospital assesses the patient who may be victim of possible abuse and neglect.
4. NPSG.15.01.01: Identifying individuals at risk for suicide

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