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STANDARD GUIDELINE SUBJECT:

Transitional Care Centre - Procedure Room Treatment Criteria

PURPOSE:

To outline criteria for procedures to be safely supported within the Transitional Care Centre’s human, organizational, financial and environmental resources.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Providing optimal quality care and patient safety is paramount in determining the procedures that will be supported by the health care team in this environment
- Decisions with respect to procedures to be supported within the procedure room are influenced by other factors including but not limited to:
 - The nursing staff complement, competing responsibilities and procedure requirements
 - The competence required to support the procedure and opportunities to sustain this competency consistently within the health care team
 - Resource requirements, inclusive of availability ie: equipment
 - Variability in procedures supported within the procedure room may exist between sites, dependent on these factors.
 - The decision to support a procedure is a joint responsibility within the health care team.
 - Any concerns with supporting a particular procedure are communicated appropriately within the health care team, and expected to be resolved between the primary care provider and the nursing manager.
- Procedures must be supported by written orders from the primary care provider.
- Nursing triage, nurse-managed care or new entrance complaints are not supported within a Procedure Room setting in Transitional Care Centres.

PROCEDURE:

1. The procedure room within a Transitional Care Centre supports scheduled patient procedures that provide services to patients closer to home that can be met within specific eligibility criteria
2. Eligibility for patient procedures supported within the procedure room are determined with an understanding of:
 - the complexity of care requirements,
 - the nursing complement (Registered Nurse, Registered Psychiatric Nurse & Licensed Practical Nurse), scope of practice and competency within individual providers may be variable,

- Procedures supported within the procedure room generally include:
 - Wound Care
 - Vital Sign Checks
 - Regularly Scheduled IV medication administration
 - Regularly Scheduled medication administration
 - Assistance with Physician procedures (mole removal, excisions, sutures etc.)
 - Out-patient nebulizer treatment
 - Suture removal
- 3. All patient procedures are pre-scheduled .
- 4. Primary care provider written orders are documented on the Outpatient form.
- 5. Consideration is given to scheduling procedures that align wellwith other health care team responsibilities (ie: care of inpatients)
- 6. The primary care provider is consulted as deemed required based on assessment findings.
- 7. The nurse is responsible for documentation of their assessments and care provided during the visit.
- 8. The client is referred to their primary care provider or nearest open Emergency Room should they present with assessment findings more complex or inaddition to the initial reason for the scheduled procedure, according to determined urgency.

DOCUMENTATION:

- Assessments and interventions are documented on the Outpatient form