

**GUAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
NURSING SERVICES MANUAL**

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TITLE: PATIENT EDUCATION				
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PURPOSE: To ensure that the Nursing Units include patient education in their plan of care.

PROCEDURE:

1. The patient and/or his/her family are provided with appropriate education and training to expand their knowledge of the patient's illness and treatment needs to learn skills and behaviors that promote recovery and improve function.
2. Patient's teaching needs and/or self-care deficit are identified throughout the patient's hospitalization.
3. The patient's family and/or significant others are included in the identification and education of the patient's health care needs.
4. All licensed nursing staff are responsible for assessing learning needs and developing the patient education plan. The Nursing process serves as the basis from which a patient education plan will be developed, implemented, documented and evaluated.
5. All licensed nursing staff are responsible for referring patients as needed to the Patient Educator and/or Patient Education Liaisons identified for each nursing units and participate in the patient education and documentation activities.
6. Patient learning needs are identified and accomplished with the consideration of:
 - a. Patient's anticipated length of stay
 - b. Patient's ability to comprehend and implement the educational concepts
 - c. Complexity of learning needs in relation to Infection Control, Safety, and availability of needed resources.
7. All licensed nursing staff are responsible for implementing the education plan in collaboration with other members of the interdisciplinary care team. Student nurses may participate in patient education under the supervision of their instructor and unit preceptor.
8. All licensed nursing staff are responsible for assuring that all patient education is accomplished and documented prior to discharge.

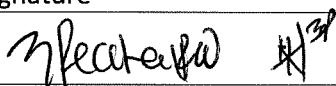
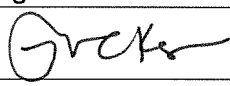
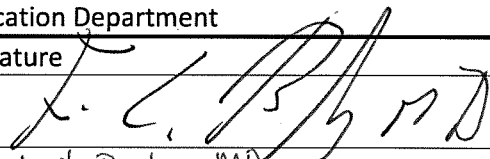
RELATED POLICIES:

*Policy 6140-6, Patient/Family Education Program of the GMHA Education Department Manual
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