TITLE: MEDICAL – SURGICAL TRAUMA REHABILITATION

PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for all nursing staff for assessing the rehabilitation needs of trauma patients. These standards apply to all nursing staff assigned to the care of the patient meeting medical-surgical floor admission requirements and all members of the interdisciplinary team.

PROCESS:

I. MED/SURG TRAUMA REHAB GUIDELINES
   A. Trauma patients admitted to the Medical/Surgical unit may have their rehabilitation needs addressed by a multi-disciplinary team composed of a representative from: Nursing, Social Services, Physical Therapy, Dietary, Utilization Review, and Respiratory Therapy.
   B. Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Speech Therapy will be ordered as deemed appropriate by the Trauma Physician.
   C. A referral for Rehabilitation will be made for any patient that is in need of the service.
   D. Patients who are felt to need rehabilitation on an inpatient basis will be evaluated by a Physical Therapist from the Rehabilitation Department within twenty-fours (24) hours of the time of consultation order/notification, Monday (0800) through Friday (1600).
   E. If the patient is transferred to a rehabilitation facility, there must be an order, from the appropriate physician, on the chart to transfer the patient. All other physicians involved in that patient’s care should be notified of the transfer order.
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F. When all physicians have been notified of the decision to transfer the patient to a rehabilitation hospital, a Memorandum of Transfer (MOT) and all other appropriate paperwork must be completed prior to transferring the patient. Once completed and transportation arrangements have been made, report must be called to the appropriate facility.

G. If the patient does not qualify for, or require inpatient rehabilitation upon discharge, the patient will be referred to Outpatient Rehabilitation Service, Home Health Care or an appropriate support group.

H. Patients with other discharge needs will be referred to the appropriate community resources or financial aid services by the Social Worker prior to discharge from the facility.

REFERENCE / BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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