

CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL

PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

Criteria for Discontinuance of Physical Therapy Services

If a patient receiving Physical Therapy Services meets any of the following criteria, he/she will be considered for discontinuance from Physical Therapy Services.

Criteria I:

Patient refuses treatment services

Criteria II:

Patient accomplishes his/her Physical Therapy Treatment Goals

Criteria III:

- A. The prescribing physician discontinues the patient's treatment.
- B. Patient treatment shall be discontinued when the time period in the most recent order has been met, unless the physician reorders therapy. In the event that no time frame is specified in the original or subsequent order, the time frame is assumed to be for thirty days. At the end of thirty (30) days of therapy, Physical Therapy Services will be discontinued unless the physician reorders therapy.

Criteria IV:

Patient is discharged from Connecticut Valley Hospital

Criteria V:

The patient develops a new medical condition that is contraindicated for the current therapy.

Procedure:

Criteria I:

The therapist may meet with the patient's physician and/or treatment team to discuss the patient's refusal of services. An action plan may be developed to address the patient's needs. This can include treatment plan modifications necessary to gain positive cooperation from the patient. If cooperation is not possible, a discharge summary will be written and will include any recommendations that direct care staff can utilize in addressing the patient's physical needs within the patient's normal activities of daily living.

Criteria II:

The therapist and patient will meet to discuss the goals of treatment. Together, they will assess the need for possible continued therapy. The therapist will discuss the patient's change in status with the other members of the treatment team. A discharge summary will be written.

Criteria III:

The therapist will complete a discharge summary and the patient will be discontinued from Physical Therapy Services.

Criteria IV:

The therapist will complete the discharge summary including follow-up recommendations. A copy of the summary will be given to the physician, the patient and others as appropriate. The therapist will develop an action plan to address transition of the patient (i.e., provision of walking aids, etc.). The therapist and patient will meet to discuss goals of treatment and the possible need for continued services. The therapist will discuss the patient's progress and discharge planning with other members of the treatment team.

Criteria V:

The therapist will discontinue treatment services and the patient's prescribing physician will be notified. If no new treatment recommendations are made, a discharge summary will be completed. The therapist will discuss the patient's change in medical condition with the other members of the treatment team as appropriate.

A copy of all discharge summaries will be placed in the patients' chart.