

 <p>Connecticut Valley Hospital Nursing Policy and Procedure</p>	<p>SECTION A: NURSING SERVICE ORGANIZATION CHAPTER 2: STANDARDS OF NURSING PRACTICE AND CARE</p> <p>Policy and Procedure: 2.7.2 Department of Corrections Transfers</p>
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Standard of Practice:

The nurse implements nursing interventions designed to help the patient regain adaptive functioning and cope with the stressors presented by Department of Correction (DOC) incarceration.

Measurement Criteria:

1. The nurse collects objective and subjective data to assess the patient's:
 - Understanding of behaviors which precipitated hospitalization.
 - Recognition of personal stressors associated with incarceration.
 - Ability to cope with the stressors of incarceration.
 - Understanding of criteria to be met for return to DOC.
 - Knowledge of resources available in DOC.
 - Readiness for return to the DOC.
2. The nurse notes actual or probable alterations in the patient's bio/psycho/social status which impede return to the DOC. Nursing diagnoses common to DOC transfers are:
 - Alteration in Thought Process
 - Disturbance in Self-Concept
 - Hopelessness
 - Impaired Social Interaction
 - Ineffective Individual Coping
 - Knowledge Deficit
 - Noncompliance
 - Potential for Violence
 - Powerlessness

3. The nurse collaborates with the patient to identify needs and establish realistic goals such as to:
 - Identify behaviors which precipitated hospitalization.
 - Recognize personal stressors associated with incarceration.
 - Develop effective coping skills.
 - Understand criteria to be met for return to the DOC.
 - Learn of resources available in the DOC.
 - Demonstrate readiness for return to the DOC.
 - 1) comply with treatment;
 - 2) recognize maladaptive behaviors;
 - 3) cooperate with Unit rules and procedures;
 - 4) actively participate in activities and groups;
 - 5) utilize effective coping skills.
4. The nurse identifies and implements interventions which help the patient to:
 - Understand and process the realities of his/her situation.
 - Develop and utilize effective coping skills.
 - Recognize and change behaviors that impede return to the DOC.
 - Become aware of resources available in the DOC.
 - Prepare for return to the DOC.
5. The nurse participates in liaison meetings with DOC to:
 - Exchange information regarding patient behaviors and coping skills.
 - Determine the feasibility of patient return to the DOC.
 - Provide information which fosters continuity of care on return of the patient to the DOC.
 - Identify alternative placements.
6. The nurse regularly evaluates the patient's response to interventions and reviews goal attainment with the patient.

Standard of Care:

The patient is provided nursing care designed to assist him/her regain a level of functioning which permits return to the Department of Corrections.

Measurement Criteria - The patient:

- Identifies behaviors which precipitated hospitalization.
- Recognizes personal stressors presented by DOC incarceration.
- Develops and utilizes effective coping skills.
- Understands criteria to be met for return to the DOC.
- Is knowledgeable of resources available in the DOC.
- Demonstrates readiness for return to the DOC.