

 <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: 2.7.3 Diagnostic Evaluation</p>
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Standard of Practice:

The nurse implements nursing interventions designed to assist the patient in the evaluation process.

Measurement Criteria:

1. The nurse collects objective and subjective data to assess the patient's:
 - Understanding of reason for hospitalization.
 - Ability to learn and retain new information.
 - Mental condition.
 - Comprehension of legal position.
 - Expectations of the evaluation process.
 - Ability and willingness to cooperate in the evaluation process.
 - Response to health problems.
 - Recognition of maladaptive behaviors.
 - Knowledge and comprehension of pertinent legal status.
2. The nurse notes actual or probable alterations in the patient's bio/psycho/social status which may have contributed to his/her legal position or affects the diagnostic evaluation.
3. The nurse collaborates with the patient to identify needs and establish realistic goals such as to:
 - Understand reason for hospitalization.
 - Comprehend his/her legal position.
 - Be informed of diagnostic and evaluation procedures.
 - Be cognizant of any psychiatric or medical findings.
 - Differentiate appropriate and maladaptive behaviors.

- Identify behaviors that may affect legal position.
 - Complete a diagnostic evaluation.
 - Understand recommendations of the Treatment Forensic Team.
 - Be aware of treatment and/or sentencing options delineated by statute.
4. The nurse designs and implements interventions which:
- Help the patient to understand and process the realities of his/her situation.
 - Enable the patient to participate in the evaluation process.
 - Help the patient identify and control inappropriate behaviors.
 - Prepare the patient for treatment and/or sentencing decisions.
5. The nurse regularly evaluates the patient's response to interventions and reviews goal attainment with the patient.

Standard of Care

The patient is assisted by the nurse in the evaluation process.

Measurement Criteria: - The patient:

- Understands the reason for hospitalization.
- Comprehends his/her legal position.
- Is knowledgeable of the evaluation process.
- Is informed of any psychiatric or medical findings.
- Identifies behaviors which adversely affect his/her legal position.
- Completes a diagnostic evaluation.
- Is informed of recommendations made by the Forensic Treatment Team to the court.
- Is aware of possible treatment and/or sentencing options delineated by statute.