

WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL
Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual

SECTION B: THE NURSING PROCESS

CHAPTER 6: ADMISSION, NURSING ASSESSMENT, NURSING REASSESSMENT

POLICY & PROCEDURE 6.3: ANNUAL NURSING REASSESSMENT

Standard of Practice:

A Registered Nurse will reassess the patient whenever there is a significant change in the patient's condition and annually.

Standard of Care:

The patient can expect to be reassessed by a Registered Nurse throughout hospitalization.

Policy:

Whenever there is a significant change in the patient's condition, the nurse will document reassessment findings for medical conditions, psychiatric and behavioral related issues in the Integrated Progress Note section of the Medical Record.

A full Nursing Reassessment will be completed on all patients, by a registered nurse, annually and no later than the admission anniversary date.

Procedure:

The Primary Nurse meets with the patient regarding health concerns, information needs, treatment expectations, and hopes for the future.

The Primary Nurse also meets with the Primary Mental Health Assistant/Forensic Treatment Specialist who has worked with the patient to solicit their input, observations and goals prior to the reassessment process.

The Primary Nurse assesses the patient's risk for victimization annually. Any positive findings are communicated to the Attending Psychiatrist so that any potential risk factors can be addressed via the plan of care.

The Primary Nurse completes the Nursing Reassessment form WFD 171a prior to the Annual Treatment Plan Review.

The Primary Nurse summarizes data gathered in the Annual Nursing Reassessment and delineates nursing care needs. Consideration is given to those nursing concerns that prevent the patient from being discharged and nursing/services that will be needed in the community.

The reassessment form must be signed and dated by all Registered Nurses who contributed to its completion.

The Primary Nurse will identify for each nursing care need, an objective, interventions, responsible staff assigned, and target dates which will be reflected in the Recovery Management System (RMS). These findings are reviewed at the Annual Treatment Plan Review meeting by the Primary Nurse or designee.

If the patient demonstrates an unwillingness to participate in any or all of his/her annual nursing reassessment, the RN will assess to the degree possible the patient's status, current risk and discharge readiness and will further identify the lack of engagement as a treatment goal and objective which will be reviewed with the Attending Psychiatrist and Treatment Team.

The Registered Nurse also reassesses the patient whenever there is a significant change in condition and contacts the Physician. The Physician and Nurse meet with the patient. The RN revises the patient's Nursing Plan of Care as documented on the Focused Treatment Plan Review (FTPR).