

Aid Essential Communication Situations

The following have been identified as Aid Essential Communication Situations. The importance, length, and complexity of information exchanged during these situations are such that they should be considered aid essential, meaning that the resident's requested auxiliary aid is always provided.

Rehabilitation/ DBT/ Substance Recovery

Assessments
Testing
Therapeutic groups and individual sessions
Developing or modifying objective/goal
Progress discussion
Pre-recovery plan meeting

Recovery Planning (QMHP/MHPA)

Readiness Assessment
Pre-Recovery Plan meetings
Recovery Plan meetings
Access to Grounds meetings
Any resident de-briefing meeting pertaining to seclusion or restraints

Psychology

Competency Evaluations
Clinical Staffings for NGI residents
Psychological Assessments and Treatment

Nursing

Initial and Annual nursing assessments; includes completion of MOSES
HIV training
Weekly and Monthly Notes
Explanation of procedures
Medication Education
Seclusion/Restraint – Reasons for placement in S/R and release criteria
Any resident de-briefing meeting pertaining to seclusion or restraints

Medical / Psychiatric

On Unit – Admissions History and Physical Examination including:
 Determination of clinical competency
 Obtaining Informed Consent for Psychotherapeutic Medication and/or
 Authorization for Treatment
 Completion of Advanced Directive & Living Will
On Unit – Monthly meeting with physician/ARNP:
 Assessment of progress or no-progress
 Assessment of side effects of medications
 Change in treatment – medications, dosages, side effects and other
 treatment options

Unit 31 – Daily rounds @ 9:00 AM; assessment of acute medical condition and discussion of tests/procedures and the results

Sick-call examination with Unit Medical physician
Discussion of treatment plans
Explanation of procedures or tests and discussion of the results
Psychotherapy sessions
Discussion of seclusion or restraints, the purpose and criteria for release; debriefing
Visits to Emergency Room, Specialty Clinics, Dental Clinic
Appointments in outside medical facilities

Dental

Initial Dental Exam
Discussion of Dental treatment procedures

Social Services

Orientation Checklist
Baker Act Court
Social Security Interviews
Community Case Manager/Forensic Specialist Visits
Residential Placement Screenings
Group and Individual Sessions
Interviews for completion of the following assessments/forms: Release of Information, Psychosocial History, Substance Abuse Screen, Satisfaction Survey, Advance Directive, Personal Safety Plan, Voter's Registration Form.

Direct Care

Orientation
Discussion of FOM Boundaries
Pre-Recovery plan meetings
Seclusion/Restraint – Reasons for placement in S/R and release criteria