



Title: ELEMENTS OF THE MEDICAL HISTORY AND PHYSIAL

Purpose of Guidelines: To provide guidance and outline the elements of the Medical History and Physical

Procedure:

History and Physical Examinations will be completed and placed on patients' chart within 24 hours of admission. The H & P includes at least the required elements defined in this guideline.

- A. Medical/surgical history
- B. Allergies
- C. Social history to include: social, educational, vocational, interpersonal, and family relationships
- D. Review of systems to include: head, ears/eyes/nose/throat, muscular/skeletal, skin, cardiovascular, reproductive/GU, neurological, gastrointestinal, and respiratory
- E. Physical examination
- F. Medical, ETOH, and drug history
- G. Neurological screening that includes:
 - 1. Neurological problems presented
 - 2. Recorded by major category (cranial nerves, sensory/motor coordination, deep tendon reflexes)
- H. Laboratory tests on chart per orders
- I. Follow-up to abnormal physical exam or lab findings documented
- J. Problem summary and recommendations

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