



Nursing Service Guidelines Inpatient Behavioral Health

Title: **ELEMENTS OF THE PSYCHAIITRIC EVALUATION**

Responsibility: Trained Inpatient Behavioral Health staff

Purpose of Guidelines: To provide guidance and outline the elements of the Psychiatric Evaluation

Procedure:

Psychiatric Evaluations will be completed and placed on the patients' chart within 24 hours of admission

1. Chief Complaint
 - a. Reason for admission as stated by patients or significant others or both
2. History of Present Illness
 - a. Onset of psychiatric symptoms/behaviors
 - b. Circumstances leading to current admission
 - c. List of current medications or note if none
 - d. Evidence of failure or inability to benefit from a less intensive outpatient program
3. Past Psychiatric History
 - a. Past problems, treatments
 - b. History of physical/sexual abuse/perpetration issues. Identify if abused or perpetrator
 - c. History of ETOH/drug use
 - d. History of family psychiatric illness
4. Mental Status Examination
 - a. Attitude/behavior
 - b. Affect
 - c. Intellectual functioning
 - d. Memory functioning
 - e. Orientation
 - f. Thought Process (Includes hallucinations, delusions, and self-harm/harm to others)
 - g. Suicide Risk
 - h. Judgment/Insight
 - i. Functional capacity to perform ADLs
5. Inventory of patient's strengths, assets (intrinsic) and liabilities/weaknesses (intrinsic) in descriptive (not interpretive) fashion
6. Medical history.
7. Diagnostic Impression
 - a. Principal Diagnosis

- b. Contributing Diagnoses (including functional or sensory impairments)
- c. Medical Co-Occurring Illnesses
- d. Psychosocial Stressors

8. Plan of Treatment

9. Estimated LOS

10. Prognosis

11. Discharge Criteria

12. Preliminary Continuing Care Plan

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