

Clinical Departments: Pediatrics

Name of Hospital: _____

Date: _____ Hospital Contact: _____

Always/
Yes

Sometimes

Never/
No

N/A

DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. There is a medical director for the pediatric service.
Specialty: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. The hospital has a policy requiring side rails in the raised position on pediatric beds and cribs except when nursing care is being provided. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Parents are advised to keep side rails raised when children are in beds or cribs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Parents and visitors are instructed to notify the nurse when they are leaving. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Accommodations are made for parents to sleep in the room with the pediatric patient to encourage parental involvement in the patient's care. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. There is a policy for suicide precautions when a pediatric patient is admitted following a suicide attempt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Written permission is obtained from the custodial parent or guardian if a child is to be discharged to another person. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. An informed consent policy and procedure is in place to include special challenges as to custodial parent or guardian in keeping with state law. Policy addresses "emancipated" status as appropriate. |

HUMAN RESOURCES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Nurses have age-specific competencies related to management of pediatric patients, including medication administration, PALS certification, and communication skills. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Competence is evaluated on at least an annual basis. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Competencies include specific information on pediatric medications and doses. |

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Medication is dispensed by unit dose. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. All drugs and IVs requiring calculations are prepared in the pharmacy. |

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12. Prescribers are required to include the mg/kg dose, along with the patient's specific dose for all neonatal/pediatric medication orders, including verbal orders. (Reference: Institute for Safe Medication Practices [ISMP] recommendation)

13. The child's weight is routinely and consistently monitored in kilograms.

14. Medication carts are always attended in the hallway and locked or otherwise secured when not in use.

PATIENT CARE

15. There is an admission assessment tool specific to pediatric patients.

16. A pediatric crash cart, with dosage/weight chart, is available on the unit, or wherever a pediatric patient is treated or admitted.

17. Supplies and equipment are size appropriate.

ENVIRONMENT OF CARE

18. If there is no separate pediatric department/unit, there are designated rooms for pediatric patients.

19. If there is no pediatric department/unit or designated pediatric rooms, there is a method to assure the safety of the room when a pediatric patient is admitted (protected receptacles, shortened cords, inspection of the room for hazardous materials such as cleansers, needle boxes out of a child's reach, etc.).

20. Electrical receptacles in rooms are raised or protected.

21. Hazardous areas are locked (air handling rooms, storage closets, kitchens, laundry chutes, dirty utility rooms, etc.).

22. All hazardous materials are out of the reach of children (chemicals, coffee pots, medications, office supplies, kitchen utensils, sharps containers, etc.).

23. Pull cords are secured to the bottom of the wall or shortened so they cannot be wrapped around a child's neck.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. If there is a playroom: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Patients are attended when in the playroom. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Toy boxes have non-slamming lids or no lids. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. Children are protected from sharp edges on furniture. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Toys are sanitized after use. |

PROCESS IMPROVEMENT/PATIENT SAFETY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. Adverse events and near misses are reported according to policy. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. The department provides constructive and timely feedback on reported adverse events and near misses. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Staff members are able to describe how information on adverse events and near misses is used to improve patient safety. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. The department has a patient safety plan with specific goals and objectives. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. The department collects data needed to track progress toward the department patient safety goals. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Staff members are able to describe how they use data to determine which safety projects to adopt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. Staff members are able to describe how they use data to improve patient care. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. Pediatric services are integrated into the organization's quality assessment/performance improvement program and risk management/patient safety activities. |

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