



**COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING**

**Mangum Regional Medical Center**

TITLE		POLICY	
<b>Communication Between Rehabilitation Services and Nursing</b>		<b>512</b>	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
<b>Rehabilitation</b>			
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
<b>Rehabilitation Services</b>			

**SCOPE:** All professional rehabilitation staff members providing patient care at Mangum Regional Medical Center

**PURPOSE:** To facilitate interdisciplinary care planning and communication.

**POLICY:** Rehabilitation services will communicate with nursing in a coordinated system to maximize the benefits of rehabilitation for the hospitalized patient.

The nursing staff at each patient’s unit shall be made aware of the patient’s therapy treatment program via the written therapy evaluation and treatment plan contained in the patient’s chart.

The nursing staff shall be notified whenever a patient from their unit is transported to the therapy department and when the patient is returned to their unit.

When requested by the respective physician/provider, or deemed necessary by the therapist, the nursing staff shall be instructed in procedures or techniques to be carried out by the nursing staff as an extension of the patient’s therapy program.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Following each patient’s evaluation for therapy, the nursing staff shall be alerted as to the therapy treatment plan via the written treatment program and evaluation contained in the patient’s chart.
2. The therapy staff shall communicate to the nurse prior to transporting that patient to/from therapy for treatment.
3. Therapy shall coordinate scheduling with other interdisciplinary team members or departments.
4. Any medical problem associated with therapy shall be discussed between the therapist and the nurse caring for the patient.

5. If the therapist or physician determines that a patient's treatment should extend beyond the capabilities of the therapy department, the nursing staff may be requested to participate in the patient's rehabilitation program.

**REVISIONS/UPDATES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Brief Description of Revision/Change</b>