Environmental Patient Safety Checklist

Patient Safety Checklist/Suicide Precautions

Checklist must be completed on admission, every shift, change of staff, reported change in behavior for all patients at risk for suicide, suicidal/homicidal ideation, or has self-harm behaviors.

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	Room inspection completed at beginning of each shift.				
	Communicate initiation of Level of Observation to other hospital				
	staff.				
	Place patient in a room or treatment area which provides the best				
	observation and protection. Never leave patient unattended				
	behind a closed curtain or door. Keep curtain or door open at all times.				
	Remove in-room sharps container or ensure sharps container is				
	locked and secure.				
	Remove ALL sharp objects (needles, scalpels, knives, scissors, nail				
	files, glass items, etc.)				
	Remove all detachable/removable hanging risk items, if possible				
	and unless medically necessary:				
	Electric cords, telephone cords, bed cords (if detachable),				
	window blind cords				
	Oxygen tubing/flowmeter (unless required for continuous				
	use)				
	 Monitoring equipment (BP/EKG cables) unless items are 				
	required for continuous monitoring				
	Excessive IV tubing				
	Suction tubing				
	Nurse call light in room and bathroom (if removable)				
	Remove plastic trash bag liners, linen container and all plastic bags.				
	Remove extra linens (sheets, towels, pillowcases, gowns)				
	Visually inspect room and bathroom remove/mitigate risk of				
	potentially harmful objects as much as possible:				
	Shower curtain				
	Note shower heads for hanging risks and observe patient				
	closely while using shower				
	Remove any hanging curtains				
	Lock all cabinets				
	Remove any items that are dangerous if ingested				
	Disable bathroom door locks				
	Inspect patient belongings (initiate Patient Belongings Record):				
	remove potentially harmful objects or contraband from patient and				
	environment. This includes: patient medications, glass or sharp				
	items, toiletry items containing alcohol, matches, lighter, aerosol				
	spray cans, curling iron, hair dryer, razor, belts, straps, ties,				
	shoelaces, dental floss and jewelry. Remove items from patient				
	remove and place in a secured location or send home with family.				
	Allowable items: cordless electric razor, eyeglasses, and non-				
	breakable toiletries.				

Provide patient gown. No clothing with any type of strings or		
drawstrings.		
Request disposable cups, plates and utensils from dietary (count		
before and after meals) or serve finger foods only.		
Ask patient if there is a family member or friend he/she wants		
involved in care. Inform family/visitors the level of observation,		
suicide precautions, associated restrictions and rationale.		
No purses or bags allowed into patient's room by visitors. Secure		
visitor belongings during visit with patient. Re-assess room for		
safety after visitor leaves.		

Initials	Printed Name	Signature	Date	Time