



COHESIVE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT & CONSULTING

Mangum Regional Medical Center

TITLE		POLICY	
Patient Hold		509	
MANUAL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVIEW DATE	
Rehabilitation			
DEPARTMENT	REFERENCE		
Rehabilitation Services			

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

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for the rehabilitation professional to place a patient on hold.

POLICY: A physician’s order must be obtained if treatment is to be held for a specific time frame or condition.

A patient shall be placed on hold following a surgical procedure pertaining to the area being treated.

A patient shall be placed on hold following a change in medical status that requires consultation with the physician prior to continuation or modification of the plan of care.

PROCEDURE:

1. Nursing should be notified if a patient hold is being considered by therapy.
 - a. Documentation of hold status is to be written in medical record.
2. When conditions are present that a patient will be unable to participate in or benefit from therapy for at least 3 working days, a hold order must be obtained.
3. Hold status order must indicate either a specific time frame or condition under which treatment can be restarted. Reason for the hold order should be in the medical record (in order, nursing notes, or therapy notes).

Examples:

Patient has a severe depression which is preventing her ability to benefit from treatment: “Hold patient for one week to allow new medication for depression to improve ability to benefit from program.”

Patient on SLP dysphagia program to eliminate NG tube had a sudden onset of confusion related to a new UTI: “Hold speech pathology, restart in one week if confusion is involved.”

4. Payor impact of hold status may need to be addressed.

REVISIONS/UPDATES

Date	Brief Description of Revision/Change