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| **Prevent the Transmission of Infection** | EGH respects patients’ rights to effective pain management. Pain management is a multidisciplinary process, characterized by continual coordination and communication of the plan of care towards the improvement of patient outcomes: increased comfort, reduced side effects, and enhanced patient satisfaction. *Pain is generally assessed using a 0-10 scale:*  
0 = No Pain  
10 = Worst Pain  
For non-verbal patients, a picture scale (Wong-Baker) is available showing various faces indicating pain level. For cognitively impaired patients or patients unable to use numeric or faces scale, pain is assessed by using a non-verbal pain scale. Pain medication should be ordered with specific details regarding indications and dose. Range orders for medications should be clarified in such a way that nursing staff is knowledgeable about which dose within the range is appropriate. When multiple medications are ordered for pain, specific guidelines for which medication to give for each type of pain should be provided. Reference Policy: EGH Pharmacy Medication classification and sequencing policy PHW-155 and EGH Nursing Pain Assessment policy. | The term impaired is used to describe a practitioner who is prevented by reason of illness or other health problems from performing his professional duties at the expected level of skill and competency. Impairment also implies a decreased ability or willingness to acknowledge the problem or to seek help to recover. It places the practitioner at risk and creates a risk to public health and safety. Some signs of impairment are deterioration of hygiene or appearance, personality or behavior changes, unpredictable behavior, unreliability or neglecting commitments, excessive ordering of drugs, lack of or inappropriate response to pages or calls, decreasing quality of performance or patient care. EGH will assist the entry of a suspected or confirmed impaired practitioner into evaluation, appropriate treatment, and/or rehabilitation. Reference: EGH Medical Staff Impairment, Policy 911 |
| **Immunizations** |  |  |
| • Tdap needed for pertussis prevention in those interacting with children/newborns.  
• Influenza vaccinations mandatory for 2017-2018 influenza season. |  |  |
| **Prevent the Spread of Multi-drug resistant organisms** |  |  |
| • Adhere to Contact Precautions for patients with known or suspected MDRO, i.e., MRSA, CRE, VRE etc.  
• Gown & gloves required; hand hygiene before and after.  
• Avoid touching items into room, i.e., (chart, electronics) etc. Disinfect items after removing from an isolation room, i.e., stethoscope, otoscope, etc. |  |  |
| **Prevent the Spread of Multi-drug resistant organisms** |  |  |
| • Educate patients about CLABSI prevention  
• Use central line insertion checklist  
• Avoid femoral and jugular sites  
• Perform hand hygiene, use full body drape; wear mask, cap, sterile gown and sterile gloves, use CHG skin prep  
• Hand hygiene & gloves before changing dressing or accessing port—Scrub the hub 15 seconds before all access  
• Remove any unnecessary catheters |  |  |
| **Prevention of Central-line associated bloodstream infections** |  |  |
| • Educate patients about SSI prevention  
• Perform proper surgical scrub on hands  
• Use proper antibiotics for prophylaxis at right time  
• If hair removal needed, use clippers in pre-op area  
• Utilize standardized and hospital recommended surgical site prep.  
• Minimize traffic in OR during surgery  
• Do not flash sterilize equipment  
• Wear only hospital laundered Elkhart General Hospital scrubs; don a fresh set daily; do not wear surgical scrubs outside of the hospital. |  |  |
| **Prevention of catheter-related urinary tract infections** |  |  |
| • Adhere to hand hygiene; use soap & water or alcohol-based rub upon entering and exiting patient rooms.  
• Utilize standard precautions for all patients & any additional transmission-based precautions. (droplet, contact, airborne) guidelines.  
• Stay at home if you are sick.  
• Stay up to date on all immunizations. |  |  |

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**PAIN MANAGEMENT**

**ENVIRONMENT OF CARE**

**DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR**

**“CODE” Calls (Call 77 from hospital phone)**

- **Code Red:** Fire, or Smoke—
  - **“RACE”** - Rescue persons, pull Alarm & Call 77, Contain fire; 
  - Extinguish if possible and Evacuate if necessary.
  - **“PASS”** – Pull the pin, Aim at base of fire, Squeeze the handle, Sweep to extinguish fire.
- **Code Blue:** Cardiopulmonary Arrest

**Plain Language for all other events such as system/network failures, weather events, and the following:**

- **Missing Infant, Child, or Adult:** monitor immediate area and exits, report suspicious people.
- **Security Assistance Needed:** Disruptive or Combative Person. - Stay back unless specifically trained.
- **Security Alert-Active Shooter/Armed Intruder:** Person with weapon/hostage, active shooter – Run, Hide, or Fight. Stay away from area.
- **Hazardous Material Incident:** Hazardous Material Incident/Spill - Evacuate area, prevent access, redirect contaminated persons outside to ECC.
- **Security Alert-Bomb Threat:** Remain calm, report details, avoid cell phone use.
- **Safety Data Sheet (SDS)** Be familiar with the hazards posed by

**DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR**

**Disruptive conduct by a member of the medical staff is behavior which adversely impacts on the quality of patient care, and includes verbal or physical abuse, sexual harassment, and/or threatening or intimidating behavior toward colleagues, team members, or patients/visitors. This conduct will not be tolerated.** Any medical/AHP staff member, team member, or agent of the hospital, volunteer, patient/visitor may file a complaint about a practitioner for disruptive behavior. No retaliation will be taken for reporting a concern in good faith. Complaints may be referred to the Chief of Staff or Vice President for Medical Affairs (VPMA). Complaints should be in writing and will be maintained by the VPMA.

Reference: EGH Medical Staff Policy 934, Workplace Harassment

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- Use approved indications for urinary catheter; attempt alternate methods prior to anchoring indwelling catheters.
- Ensure plan for catheter removal
- Remove any unnecessary urinary catheter-discontinue once no longer meets approved indication.

### RERAINT and SECLUSION

- A restraint is defined as any manual method, physical, or mechanical device, material, or equipment that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a patient to move his arms, legs, body, or head freely.
- Restraint devices may only be used after less restrictive alternatives have been tried and documented as unsuccessful.
- 2 categories of restraint: 1) to protect the physical safety of the non-violent or non-self-destructive patient, and 2) to manage violent or self-destructive behavior.
- Prone restraint is permitted.
- Medical Staff may not be involved with applying restraints or seclusion without proper training.
- Restraint requirements for **non-violent or non-self-destructive patient**:
  - A timed/dated order for initiation on green sticker
  - Care plan must be updated to include restraints
  - Every calendar day, the physician or LIP will see and evaluate the patient before writing a new order for restraints. Examination of the patient should be documented in the medical record
- Restraint requirements for **violent or self-destructive behavior**:
  - A timed/dated order for initiation on designated form
  - A *face-to-face evaluation within one hour* of implementation (physician, psychologist, LIP, on designated form)
  - Care plan must be updated to include restraints
  - Duration of orders: ≥ age 18 – 4 hours; age 9-17 – 2 hours; under age 9 – 1 hour
  - Every 24 hours a physician, psychologist, or LIP will see and evaluate the patient before writing a new order. Exam of the patient should be documented in the medical record on designated form.

### RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (RRT)

- The RRT is a patient safety strategy that can “rescue” patients when their conditions deteriorate and reduce the number of Code Blues and the inpatient mortality rate. The RRT is a team of clinicians who come to the bedside to assist with assessment and treatment of an inpatient that has had an acute change in condition. The RRT can be called at any time and consists of the patient’s primary nurse, an ICU nurse, a respiratory therapist, and the House Resident.
- A Rapid Response can be initiated by calling 77 and requesting a RRT team.
  - anytime a clinician is concerned about a sudden or ongoing worsening of a patient’s condition,
  - when Narcan is being administered on a nursing unit (the RST must be called).
  - When a patient is experiencing chest pain the RRT will be called as part of the inpatient STEMI Protocol.

Reference: EGH Policy Rapid Response Team, R-14

### FALLS

- All adult inpatients and observation patients will be screened for fall risk upon admission using the Johns Hopkins Fall Risk Assessment tool. Patients will be reassessed every shift and whenever there is a significant change in the patient’s condition or after a fall.
- Assessment includes 7 fall risk factors: Age, Fall History, Elimination, Medications, Patient Care Equipment, Mobility and Cognition.
- Three Levels of Fall Risk based on assessment score:
  - ≤ 5 = Low, 6-13 = Moderate, > 13 = High
  - Paralysis or completely immobilized patients = **Low Risk**
  - Seizure within last 6 months, active alcohol withdraw and active brain injury patients = **High Risk**
- Interventions are based on level of fall risk:
  - **Low risk**: standard safety interventions
  - **Moderate**: Moderate risk sign, *Yellow Wrist Band*, Reorient confused patients as necessary
  - **High**: High risk sign, *Yellow Gown*, Bed/Chair Alarm, Gait belt or lift equipment, Caregivers remain while toileting.
- Education of patient and family on fall prevention is important with corresponding documentation in the chart. A post-fall huddle will occur with every fall.
- Reporting and documentation of any patient fall via EGH HITS System is essential.
- **All Pediatric inpatients and outpatients will be screened for fall risk upon admission using the Humpty Dumpty Fall Risk Assessment tool.** Interventions will be initiated based on score and patient needs.
- **All adult procedural outpatients** will be screened for falls by utilizing a 4 question form. Patients that screen positive will be identified by an appropriate band and/or yellow socks.
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- Restraints should be discontinued when the patient meets the criteria outlined in the order. The RN will terminate the restraint or seclusion and document the rationale in the medical record.

Reference: EGH Restraint and Seclusion Policy

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<td>All in- and out-patients should be informally screened at admission for signs of abuse and neglect.</td>
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<td>• Possible indicators of abuse/neglect may include:</td>
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<td>o patient states that abuse/neglect occurred</td>
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<td>o repeated and/or unexplained traumatic injuries</td>
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<td>o patient exhibits fear, withdrawal or unnatural compliance in presence of caregiver</td>
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<td>o suspicious injuries, “doctor hopping,” etc.</td>
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<td>o unusual delay in obtaining treatment for injuries.</td>
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<td>• If abuse and/or neglect is suspected, you should:</td>
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<td>o report this immediately to CPS or APS</td>
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<td>o document findings, observations and statements made by the patient or family/caregiver(s) which support the suspected abuse/neglect</td>
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<td>o arrange for photographs of injuries if appropriate.</td>
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Healthcare workers may anonymously report, without fear of disciplinary action, any urgent patient safety or quality concern, as well as any improvement idea through the EGH Incident Reporting System.

Concerns may also be reported to:
**Risk Management at 296-6529**
**Indiana State Department of Health**
2 North Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 233-1325.

**The Joint Commission**
Division of Accreditation Operations
Office of Quality Monitoring
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
800-994-6610 or complaint@tjc.org

- Adult procedural patients receiving narcotics, pain meds or anesthesia are automatically a fall risk.

Reference: EGH Fall Prevention Assessment, Prevention and Management Adult & Pediatric Policies 18 and Ff-4.

ANTICOAGULATION

National Patient Safety Goal #3: Reduce the likelihood of patient harm associated with the use of anticoagulant therapy. This pertains to patients on long-term anticoagulant therapy where the clinical expectation is that the patient’s lab values for coagulation will be outside normal values. Patient education is a vital component of an anticoagulation program including a face-to-face interaction with the professional to explain risks, precautions, and the importance of monitoring. Also key with anticoagulation is the use of approved protocols, baseline labs, and the use of resources to manage potential food and drug interactions.

ORGAN DONATION

EGH works with Indiana Organ Procurement Organization as well as tissue and eye banks to maintain potential donors while the necessary testing and placement of potential organs takes place in order to maximize the viability of donor organs for transplant. There is an Organ Procurement policy for EGH on the intranet under policies to assist when an organ procurement is possible. The nursing staff and spiritual care are available to assist with the families during the request for organ donation and throughout the procedures.

Reference: EGH Organ Procurement Policy

CULTURE OF SAFETY

Leaders create and maintain a culture of safety and quality throughout the hospital. Safety and quality thrive in an environment that supports teamwork and respect for other people, regardless of their position in the hospital. Behavior that intimidates others and affects morale or staff turnover undermines a culture of safety and can be harmful to patient care. All medical staff signs and agrees to abide by the Beacon Code of Conduct at all times. Any deviations from that code will be addressed by the MEC.

Reference: EGH Medical Staff Code of Conduct
### FIRE SAFETY

The hospital minimizes the potential for harm from fire, smoke, and other combustibles. EGH is NON Smoking throughout the campus. Physicians and other providers should follow the acronym RACE for fire response:

- **Remove** people from immediate danger,
- **Act**ivate the fire alarm and Call 77,
- **Contain** the fire by closing doors,
- **Extinguish** the fire if practical and **Evacuate** if necessary.

Fires are announced as Code Red.

Reference: EGH Fire Safety Policy

### ROLE OF LIP IN MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT

**Modular Mass Casualty** - The Nursing Supervisor will call the supervisor on duty of the support asset(s) that is/are required to coordinate assistance.

1. The Switchboard Operator **WILL NOT** be contacted to announce the MCI
2. Administrator on-call
3. Nursing Administrator on-call
4. Security

**Mass Casualty** - The Nursing Supervisor will call the Switchboard (77) to announce the Mass Casualty Incident.

5. The following Associates will be notified in MCI situations
6. Switchboard (77)
7. Page “MASS CASUALTY SITUATION” “ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS REPORT TO THE BOARDROOM” three (3) times, slowly and clearly
8. Administrator on-call
9. Nursing Administrator on-call
10. Security

Reference: EGH MCI policy

### ALTERNATE PROCEDURE DURING DOWNTIME FOR EHR

When the electronic health record system (Cerner) is interrupted EGH goes into a “downtime” procedure. There are designated computers on each unit that maintain a “snapshot” of the patients record to reference back for labs and radiology results etc. Any new orders that need to be placed will be done on paper during the downtime and the nursing staff on all units will be available to assist you.

Reference: EGH PowerChart Downtime Policy