PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE

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POLICY

High Peaks Hospice (HPH) nursing reflects our belief in the individual professional nurse’s accountability for achieving patient/family outcomes from a holistic framework with the commitment to concern for the patient’s quality of life. Standards of patient care form the foundation from which quality of care is provided, assessed, measured and evaluated.

Hospice Professional Nursing Practice is based on the implementation of these standards and is guided by the precepts detailed in the “Hospice Nursing Practice Guidelines”.

PROCEDURE

1. HPH nursing policies and procedures are developed and reviewed by the Clinical Committee for format consistency and discussion of the process for incorporation into professional practice. Each HPH nurse is responsible for integrating new and/or revised generic nursing policies and procedures into their own practice.

2. HPH professional nursing staff will integrate holistic care techniques without reducing scientific or technical elements of care.

3. Each HPH site will maintain up-to-date policy and procedures manuals for each contracted IV Vendor. These policies and procedures will be utilized when a HPH patient is receiving services from the vendor.

4. Nursing policies and procedures may be referenced in the “Lippincott Nursing Manual for Nursing Practice”, which is located at each HPH site.

5. Specialty policies and procedures related to Hospice Nursing Care will be developed with appropriate clinical staff referencing national standards of Hospice and Palliative Care. These policies and procedures will be compiled in a reference manual located at each HPH site and reviewed annually by the appropriate clinical staff to consider current scientific and relevant nursing research knowledge.
Reference: Hospice Nursing Practice Guidelines
Lippincott Nursing Policy and Procedure
Standards & Protocols for the fully contracted IV Vendors

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