HOSPICE NURSING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUOUS CARE
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At the time that Continuous Care is initiated the case manager/primary nurse will:

1.______ take a continuous care chart to the patient’s home.

2.______ orient the first nurse beginning the first shift of continuous care, to hospice care of the patient. Areas to be emphasized are:
   - timely pain management
   - ATC administration of pain medication
   - specific reason to call the Hospice Nurse

3.______ call each continuous care staff during the first shift she/he is assigned to the patient, to assess if the needs of the patient are being met. The Hospice Nurse will reinforce the need for:
   - timely pain management
   - ATC administration of pain medication
   - specific reasons to call the Hospice Nurse

4.______ instruct the continuous care staff that routine hygiene will be done only to maintain comfort and will be done at the patient’s convenience.

5.______ coordinate the home care with High Peaks Hospice (HPH) and implement the Hospice Care Plan.

6.______ instruct the continuous care staff that no heroic measures will be taken to prolong life.

7.______ instruct continuous care staff that assessment interventions (TPR’s and BP’s) as well as diagnostic tests will be kept to a minimum, and will be done only if results are needed to maximize comfort.

8.______ instruct the continuous care staff on what to do at the time of death:
   a) contact HPH at 518-891-0606.
   b) assist family with any calls they need to make.
   c) maintain a calm and caring attitude.
   d) perform post-mortem care.