

PROTOCOL FOR: High Risk Behavior

- POLICY:**
1. All patients are assessed on admission for high risk behavior.
 2. The High Risk Behavior form will be completed at point of entry by the clinician completing the assessment for inpatient treatment.
 3. The High Risk Behavior Form is reviewed by the admitting nurse and physician to plan appropriate treatment interventions. Additional risks not identified at point of entry into the system will be documented by the admitting RN and physician.

DECISION MAKING

- PROCESS:**
1. The Admitting Registered Nurse:
 - a. Gathers history of patient and ensures the High Risk Behavior Form is completed accurately indicating which high risk behaviors have been identified.
 - b. Signs and dates High Risk Behavior Form.
 - c. Attaches High Risk Behavior Form to Biopsychosocial Assessment form.
 - d. Addresses all high risk behaviors on MTP Problem List.
 - e. Determines if high risk behaviors are to be addressed in treatment; documents these as problems with interventions on the MTP.
 2. The Admitting Physician:
 - a. Admits adults on Fifteen Minute Checks, or on more restrictive status when indicated.
 - b. Reviews the High Risk Behavior Form.
 - c. Conducts a comprehensive assessment, including assessment of high risk behaviors.
 - d. Addresses high risk behavior in mental status exam.
 - e. Assigns appropriate observation status.
 - f. Completes High Risk Behavior Form, signs and dates.
 - g. Documents in a PRN note the rationale for any change in observation status.

APPROVAL: Nursing Administrative Council

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