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| SUICIDAL PRECAUTIONS | | | | NO. 264 | |
| POLICY: The facility staff will ensure that all proper precautions are taken for any resident exhibiting suicidal ideation or gestures, or other risk behaviors.  PURPOSE: To ensure the safety of our residents.  PROCEDURE:   1. When a staff member witnesses suicidal ideation or gestures or other at risk behaviors they are to notify the Charge nurse immediately. 2. The Charge nurse will assess the resident and document her findings in the resident’s clinical record. 3. The Charge nurse will notify the physician and the resident’s family or power of attorney. 4. The Charge nurse working with the physician will decide if the resident needs to: 5. Transferred to the hospital for closer clinical evaluation 6. Transferred to a psychiatric setting for evaluation. 7. Be placed on hourly, 15 minute, or continuous checks 8. Charge nurse will determine who is responsible for the observation 9. The physician will determine the length of the observations period with the input from the Director of Nursing/and or the Charge Nurse 10. Staff will remove any item or items that could be used by resident to harm themselves. | | | | | |
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