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Nursing Policy

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Scope of Patient Care and Service

1. UNIT TITLE: Ward 51, Bruton Inpatient Pediatric Unit

2. UNIT DESCRIPTION: Ward 51 is a 20 bed, multi-service, inpatient unit providing 24-hour care to an average daily census of 13 patients. The unit has a negative pressure room, a computer room, a playroom and an outside playground for patient use.

3. PATIENT POPULATION SERVED: Patients range in age from neonate through young adult. Patients who do not fall within the age parameters but have developmental, cognitive or congenital abnormalities and are followed by the Department of Pediatrics may be admitted to the Pediatric Unit. They are followed by Pediatrics. The patients are eligible for care as designated by the Defense Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and WRAMC Patient Administration (PAD). Children are admitted through Medical Evacuation, the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command (NARMC), or the Walter Reed Health Care System.

4. CONDITIONS AND DIAGNOSES TREATED: The most common medical and surgical diagnoses seen on Ward 51 are Asthma/Reactive Airway Disease, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Pneumonia, Bronchiolitis, Cancer, Neutropenia, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Dehydration, Diabetes, ENT Surgeries, Failure to Thrive, Fractures/Congenital Orthopedic Malformations, Gastroenteritis, Reflux, Seizure Disorders, Neonatal Bacterial Infection, and Sickle Cell Crisis.

a. High Volume:

- 1) Gastroenteritis
- 2) Dehydration
- 3) Seizure Disorders

b. High Risk:

- 1) Reactive Airway Disease
- 2) New Onset Diabetes
- 3) Newly Diagnosed Cancer
- 4) Intravenous Sedation
- 5) Neutropenia

- c. Problem Prone:
 - 1) Patients with multiple and chronic conditions
 - 2) Surgical correction of orthopedic malformations
- d. High Cost:
 - 1) Patients with multiple and chronic conditions
 - 2) Chemotherapy
- e. Excluded Patients/Services:
 - 1) Patients requiring organ/bone marrow transplantation
 - 2) Long term rehabilitation

5. STANDARDS OR GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE:

- a. AR 570-4, Manpower Management, 15 May 2000.
- b. FM 8-501, The Workload Management System for Nursing, Nov 1990.
- c. WRAMC Regulations
- d. WRAMC Nursing Polices
- e. Unit level standard operating procedures
- f. American Nurses Association, Scope and Standards of Practice, 2004.
- g. American Academy of Pediatrics Redbook, 25th ed. 2000
- h. Bartelmo, Joanne. Best Practices: A Guide To Excellence in Nursing Care. Lippincott, 2003.
- i. Behrman, Kliegman, Jenson. Nelson Textbook of Pediatrics, 16th Edition, 2000.
- j. Barone, The Harriet Lane Handbook, 14th ed. Mosby, 1996
- k. Hockenberry, M. J., Wilson, D., Winkelstein, M. L., & Kline, N. E., Wong's Nursing Care of Infants and Children, 7th Ed., Elsevier, 2003.
- l. McCance, K. L., & Huether, S. E. Pathophysiology: Biological Basis for Disease in Adults and Children, 4th Ed., Elsevier, 2002.
- m. Nursing Care of Infants and Children, 7th Ed., Elsevier, 2003.

6. TREATMENTS AND ACTIVITIES PERFORMED: All nursing activities are performed in accordance with the Scope of Practice and Competency Based Orientation. Common clinical activities include admission assessments, patient and family teaching, venipunctures, peripheral intravenous therapy, fingerstick glucose monitoring, blood transfusions, medication administration, urinary catheterization, fluid intake and output monitoring, naso-gastric tube placement, tube feedings, oral and naso-gastric suctioning, dressing and wound care, respiratory treatments, oxygen therapy, cardiac monitoring, vital sign monitoring, pain management, chemotherapy administration, and ongoing assessments and documentation of nursing and medical intervention.

7. PERSONNEL PROVIDING CARE:

- a. Nursing
 - 1) Registered Nurses
 - 2) Licensed Practical Nurses
 - 3) Nursing Assistants
 - 4) Medical Records Technicians

- b. Other Personnel
 - 1) Physicians
 - 2) Respiratory Therapists
 - 3) Child Life Therapists
 - 4) Medical Students
 - 5) Chaplain
 - 6) Pediatric Physical Therapist
 - 7) Pediatric Dietician
 - 8) Pediatric Case Managers
 - 9) Pediatric Social Worker
 - 10) Pediatric Occupational Therapist
 - 11) Pediatric Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist

- c. Unit core staffing plan:

Wd 51	ASAM Authorizations TDA 0202		Weekday Staffing Matrix (ex HN/WM)			Weekend Staffing Matrix (ex HN/WM)		
	Military	Civilian	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
Staffing								
RN	17	4	3	2	2	2	2	2
LPN	8	1	3	2	2	2	2	2
NA	9	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
MRT	0	4	1	1				

8. HOURS OF SERVICE: Twenty-four hours seven days a week