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Nursing Policy

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**Scope of Patient Care and Service**

**1. UNIT TITLE:** Ward 72, Eisenhower Executive Nursing Suite

**2. DESCRIPTION:** 6 Bed Medical Surgical Unit

**3. PATIENT POPULATION SERVED:** The Eisenhower Executive Nursing Suite is a 6 bed Medical / Surgical secured ward that provides inpatient and ambulatory nursing care to active duty and retired Civil and Military U.S. Government Officials, their spouses as well as Foreign Dignitaries that require a heightened level of security, safety, and confidential services.

**4. CONDITIONS AND DIAGNOSES TREATED:**

a. High Volume:

- 1) General Medicine diagnosis such as GI bleed, COPD, Hypovolemia, cellulites, Abdominal Pain, Solid Tumors
- 2) Surgical diagnosis, ie, Biopsies, Plastic Surgery, Arthroscopies

b. High Risk: Total Hip Replacements

c. Problem Prone: None

d. High Cost:

- 1) Total Hip replacements
- 2) GI complications
- 3) Long-term patients

e. Excluded Patients/Services:

- 1) Pediatric patients
- 2) Patients requiring higher level of care, i.e. ICU

**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. Springhouse, Nursing Procedures, Lippincott, 2004. To accompany software program: Procedures, Version 2.2, Lippincott, 2004

**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 to include comprehensive screening, patient and family teaching, venipunctures, peripheral intravenous therapy, waive testing for blood glucose monitoring, blood transfusions, medication administration, urinary catheterization, nasogastric tube insertion, tube feedings, oral or nasogastric suctioning, dressing and wound care, respiratory treatments, oxygen therapy, vital signs monitoring, pain management, and ongoing assessments and documentation of nursing and medical intervention

**7. PERSONNEL PROVIDING CARE:**

- a. Nursing:
  - 3) Registered nurses
  - 4) Licensed Practical nurses
  - 5) Nursing Assistants
  
- b. Other Personnel:
  - 1) Physicians
  - 2) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
  - 3) Physician Assistants
  - 4) Physical Therapists
  - 5) Occupational Therapist
  - 6) Social Workers
  - 7) Pharmacists
  - 8) Dietitians
  - 9) Respiratory Therapy
  - 10) Radiology Technicians
  - 11) Laboratory Technicians
  - 12) Chaplain

c. Unit core staffing plan

WD72	ASAM Authorizations TDA 0202		Weekday Staffing Matrix for I/O (excluding Head Nurse and Ward Master)			Weekend Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Ward Master)		
	Military	Civilian	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
Staffing								
RN	8		1/1	1	1	1	1	1
LPN								
NA	10		1/2	1	1	1	1	1
MRT			1					

8. HOURS OF SERVICE: 24 hours per day