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determined that the HCA failed to include all LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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8. On February 18, 2015, at approximately 11:40 a.m., review of Patient #22's record revealed a POC the with certification period of August 22, 2014 through February 17, 2015. The POC indicated that the skilled nurse was to provide services monthly and as needed to assess clinical status [comprehensive assessmentl, vital signs and response to medications...The record failed to evidence that a review and evaluation of skilled services was conducted and submitted to the physician.

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9. On February 18, 2015, at approximately 12:15 p.m., review of Patient #23's record revealed a POC the with certification period of October 27, 2014 through April 24, 2015. The POC indicated that the skilled nurse was to provide services monthly and as needed to assess clinical status [comprehensive assessment), vital signs and response to medications...The record failed to evidence that a review and evaluation of skilled services was conducted and submitted to the physician.

9. Cross reference response to #1 page 3 of 8 4/30/15

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Attachment A - Annual Program Evaluation Template

Attachment B – 60 Day Progress/Summary Note

Attachment C – Policy: Client Teaching Evaluation

Attachment D – Teaching Guide – Fall Prevention

Attachment E – Teaching Guide – Hip Replacement Surgery



GOALS

PROGRAM EVALUATION TEMPLETE

Recruitment and Retention	
Regulatory/Quality	
Risk	
Complaints	
Financial	
Referral	



60 Day Progress/Summary Note

Patient.								
Current Cert Period.								
Conf. Date,								
Physician.								
Recert: Yes No								
Patient Condition. Declined Unstable	☐ Unchanged☐ Improved ☐ Stable							
Unusual Home/Social Environment.								
Homebound Status,								
Summary/Progress toward Goals/Continued Need	ı							
Advance Directives/DNR's Yes No								
New Diagnoses/Problems,								
Future Visit Frequency Recommended								
□ SN □ CNA	□ ST							
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Skilled needs.	*							
Disciplines Present.								
☐ Skilled Nurse ☐ Therapy								
□ MSW □ HHA								
Other(s):								
Additional Comments:								
Primary Nurse Signature: Date:								
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Topic: Client Teaching Evaluation

Purpose: To identify documentation requirements for evaluating client/caregiver teaching.

- 1. Perform assessments as required
- 2. Provide teaching according to the disease entity or physical orders (POC)
- 3. For Oasis C initiate teaching as part of the interventions based on level of risk (i.e. fall, safety, medication, skin, nutrition, depression)
- 4. Identify any barriers to teaching.
- 5. If yes, describe the type of barrier:
 - cognitive limitation,
 - language,
 - physical pain/discomfort,
 - cultural/religious,
 - motivation,
 - emotional
- 6. Describe the response to teaching:
 - Performs independently,
 - states essential concepts,
 - states performs with verbal cues,
 - offered and refused teaching,
 - performs with physical resistance,
 - no evidence of learning.
- 7. Describe the plan for follow-up teaching:
 - teaching complete,
 - reinforce through discharge and
 - reinforce teaching.
- 8. Return demonstration are required for hands on teaching. i.e wound care, glucometer use.



FALL PREVENTION

CAREGIVER/CLIENT INFORMATION

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons offers the following home safety checklist to fall-proof your home:

- -- Get rid of clutter. Don't pile up items on the floor, stairway or pathways between rooms.
- -- Keep appliance, lamp and telephone cords out of areas where you walk. Don't put them under rugs.
- -- Use a rubber mat or put adhesive texture strips on the bottom of the tub or shower. Install grab bars on the walls for additional support. Place a slip-resistant rug on tile floor to safely get in and out of the bathtub.
- -- Adhere non-slip treads to bare-wood steps, and remove small area rugs at the top and bottom of stairs.
- -- Good lighting is essential. Install glow-in-the-dark light switches at both the top and bottom of stairways, and place a night-light along the route between the bedroom and bathroom.
- -- Keep a flashlight and new batteries by the bed in case of a power outage.
- -- Clean up spills immediately in the kitchen. Use a step stool or low stepladder -- not chairs or boxes -- to reach items in upper cabinets.
- --Use non-skid wax on the kitchen floor.
- -- Wear proper footwear around the home and outside. Never walk around in stocking feet. Consider sneakers and shoes with laces. Avoid higher heels or platform shoes.

Of course, even the most careful people are still susceptible to trips and falls. With that in mind, there are "correct" ways to fall to minimize potential injury. Below are some recommended techniques to follow if you cannot prevent a slip or fall:

- -- If possible, try to fall on your side or buttocks. Roll over naturally, turning your head in the direction of the roll.
- -- Keep your wrists, elbows and knees bent. Do not try to break the fall with your hands or elbows.
- -- Take several deep breaths after falling. If you feel you have suffered an injury, do not try to get up. Call 911 or a family member for help.
- -- If you feel you are not injured and are able to get up, crawl to a strong and stable piece of furniture, like a chair, that you can use as a support to help pull yourself up. Put both hands on the seat.
- -- Slowly begin to raise yourself up. Bend whichever knee is stronger, keeping the other knee on the floor. Finally, slowly twist and sit in the chair.



Topic: Client Teaching for Hip Replacement Surgery

You had a hip replacement surgery. This means your natural hip was replaced with an artificial joint (prosthesis). You will be recovering at home. You must take care of your new hip. Do this by moving and sitting the way you were taught in the hospital. Also, be sure to see your doctor for follow-up visits, and return to activity slowly. Because a hip replacement is major surgery, it will be a few months before you can move comfortably.

Home care

- Take your pain medication exactly as directed.
- Don't drive until your doctor says it's okay. And never drive while taking opioid pain medication.
- Wear the support stockings you were given in the hospital. Wear them for 24 hours a day for 3 week(s).
- To relieve discomfort at night, get up and move around.
- Tell all your healthcare providers—including your dentist—about your artificial joint before any procedure. You will likely need to take antibiotics before dental work and other medical procedures to reduce the risk of infection.
- Arrange to have your staples removed per your doctor's instructions. The staples were used to close the skin incision

Incision care

- Check your incision daily for redness, swelling, tenderness, or drainage.
- Avoid infection by washing your hands often. If an infection occurs, it will need to be treated immediately. Call your doctor right away if you think you may have an infection. Symptoms include a fever or an incision that leaks white, green, or yellow fluid.
- Avoid soaking your incision in water (no hot tubs, bathtubs, swimming pools) until your doctor says it's okay.
- Follow discharge/doctor's instructions regarding when to begin showering. Then shower as
 needed. Carefully wash your incision with soap and water. Gently pat it dry. Don't rub the incision, or
 apply creams or lotions to it. And to avoid falling when showering, sit on a shower stool.

Sitting and sleeping

- Don't sit for more than 30-45 minutes at a time.
- Use chairs with arms, and sit with your knees slightly lower than your hips. Don't sit on low or sagging chairs or couches.
- Don't lean forward while sitting.
- Don't cross your legs.
- Keep your feet flat on the floor. Don't turn your foot or leg inward. This stresses your hip joint.
- Use an elevated toilet seat for 6 weeks after surgery.
- Ask your healthcare provider if it's okay to sleep on your stomach or on the side that has the new hip. Use pillows between your legs when sleeping on your back or on your side.
- Sit on a firm cushion when you ride in a car and avoid sitting too low. Try not to bend your hip too much when getting in and out of the car.

Moving safely

- Don't bend at the hip when you bend over. Don't bend at the waist to put on socks and shoes. And avoid picking up items from the floor.
- Use a cane, crutches, a walker, or handrails until your balance, flexibility, and strength improve. And remember to ask for help from others when you need it.
- Free up your hands so that you can use them to keep balance. Use a fanny pack, apron, or pockets to carry things.
- Follow your doctor's orders regarding how much weight to put on the affected leg.
- Walk often and do prescribed exercises as instructed.
- Arrange your household to keep the items you need within reach.
- Remove electrical cords, throw rugs, and anything else that may cause you to fall.
- Use nonslip bath mats, grab bars, an elevated toilet seat, and a shower chair in your bathroom.

Follow-up

Make a follow-up appointment as directed by your doctor.

When to seek medical attention

Call 911 right away if you have any of the following:

- Chest pain
- Shortness of breath

Otherwise, call your doctor immediately if you have any of the following:

- Increased hip pain
- Pain or swelling in your calf or leg
- Fever above 100.4°F or shaking chills
- Excessive swelling, increased drainage or redness around the incision
- Swelling, tenderness, or cramps in your leg