



Policy: Admission Process Special Considerations

Bariatric-02

Purpose: To ensure staff awareness of the bariatric resident upon admission

Policy: Each resident is assessed on admission for special considerations.

Procedure:

Special considerations at admission include, but are not limited to:

1. Ensure staff awareness of the bariatric resident status
 - a. Active participant in the Bariatric Program will be:
 - 1) Pre- or post-operative
 - 2) Bariatric diet compliant
 - 3) Psychological Services participant
 - 4) Rehabilitation Services participant
 - 5) Maintain all the same rights as other residents
 - b. Non-participant in the Bariatric Program may include one (1) or all of the following:
 - 1) Diet non-compliance
 - 2) Psychological Services refusal
 - 3) Rehabilitation Services refusal
 - 4) Maintain all the same rights as other residents
2. Complete the admission process.
 - a. Use two (2) Health Care Workers (HCWs), if needed.
 - b. Upon admission, collaborate with Rehabilitation Services, if appropriate, to begin restorative program
 - c. Ensure PT/OT/ST evaluation and treatment orders are present upon admission, as appropriate
 - Obtain order if not present upon admission
3. Ensure blood pressure cuff will wrap around the arm and cover greater than fifty percent (50%) from elbow to shoulder for an accurate blood pressure.
 - a. May obtain BP with large cuff wrapping around lower arm, listening at radial
 - b. Use a long stethoscope to enable assessment
4. Weigh in private area

5. Acknowledge that additional adipose tissue may limit the degree of Range of Movement (ROM).
6. Complete assessment systematically to prevent exhaustion.
 - Limit frequent position change
7. Use two (2) or more HCWs to complete assessment, if needed.
 - a. Displace skin folds to listen to bowel sounds.
 - b. Displace skin folds to listen to lungs at the base.
8. Consider transfer/repositioning abilities.
 - a. **Must** use mechanical lift and 2 or more HCWs until recommendations are received from Rehabilitation Services/ Nursing Services
 - b. **Must** use 2 or more HCWs to reposition while in bed until recommendations are received from Rehabilitation Services/ Nursing Services
9. Skin Assessment
 - a. Check for skin shearing, due to overstretched skin and generalized edema.
 - b. Assess incontinence, due to decreased mobility.
 - c. Check skin daily with ADL care.
 - Lift and check between folds of skin.
 - d. Consider additional HCWs to complete assessment.
10. Respiratory Status Assessment
 - a. May elevate HOB to enhance respiratory status
 - b. Assess if side lying impedes respiratory status
 - c. Ensure appropriate sizes are available for O2, Bi-pap, or C-pap (mask size/tubing length).
11. IV and IM Supplies
 - Consider the following:
 - a. Spinal needles to do intramuscular injection through adipose tissue, if appropriate
 - b. Midline or PICC line for IV therapy
12. Personal Care
 - a. Perform daily personal care with 2 or more HCWs if needed, paying extra attention to skin folds and peri area.
 - 1) Apply moisture barrier to all dry skin folds.
 - b. Promote resident self-esteem, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - 1) Nail Care
 - 2) Hair
 - 3) Make-up
 - 4) Clothing