

## **PRN SKILLED NURSING VISITS**

**POLICY:** Nursing visits will be made on an as necessary basis with physician orders.

**PURPOSE:** Patient's needs will be met as appropriate on a 24-hour basis.

**PERSONNEL:** RNs and LVNs

### **PROCEDURE:**

- I. A PRN visit may be made when a patient develops a problem which requires the intervention of a skilled nurse.
- II. PRN visits must have physician orders. PRN visits may be noted on the Plan of Care if they are specific to the condition and the number of PRN visits are specified, e.g. "PRN x 2 for foley catheter complications" or "PRN x 2 for venipuncture re-attempts". If specific orders are not noted on the Plan of Care, then a physician's verbal order must be obtained as soon as possible.
- III. When possible, the patient's primary nurse should make the PRN visit. Other nurses who are unfamiliar with the patient will be given enough information regarding the patient to be able to provide adequate care.
- IV. If the visiting nurse does not have time to complete any necessary communication with the lab, physician, pharmacy or family members, it is the nurse's responsibility to make sure the tasks are completed by another responsible staff person.
- V. The nurse shall document the visit and the care provided according to Agency policy and report the visit to the primary nurse/on-call coordinator when appropriate.