

Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin
Special observations Nursing Care Plan 37



Care plan 37		Special Observations Care Plan		Issue Date: Nov 2016 Review date: Nov 2019	
Problem		Goals			
Requires special observation due to safety concerns		To maintain the safety of the patient within the paediatric environment			
Commenced date, time signature & grade	NO.	Nursing Intervention		Discontinued date, time, signature & grade	
		GOAL:			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This care plan should be used in conjunction with the 'SOP on the management of environment and safety for young people and children'. • Orientate patient to their environment and introduce to care team, informing them who their nurse is for each shift. • Perform full nursing assessment on admission and obtain baseline observations. • Nurse in an area of high visibility, or in a location that suits needs, ensuring risks to patient are managed. • Remove hazardous items from patient's possession and room. • Establish a rapport with the patient. • Show empathy and positive regard for the patient by adapting a non-judgmental, supportive and caring approach. • Encourage patient to communicate needs to nurses. • Observe & record patient's appearance, interactions, mood & behaviours. • Monitor & record patient's sleep patterns. • Observe patient's appetite and nutritional intake. • Offer patient regular opportunities to verbalise his/her needs and concerns. • Maintain consistency with patient's care. • Regular communication with the MDT regarding treatment plan and details of observation required is necessary. • Involve patient in activities where possible and document observations. E.g. School, playroom, computer, reading, watching TV, board games, art & crafts. <p><i>N.B. Consult treating team prior to sending to school/playroom.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report and record any concerns immediately to nurse in charge and treating team 			

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Any other required observations

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