

BMH Memphis Mandatory Nursing Safety

Falls:

- ✓ Patients are at greatest risk for Fall:
 - Up going to bathroom - BSC,
 - One day of discharge – feel too independent
 - In the bathroom or shower
- ✓ Safety before Modesty
- ✓ Must stay within one arm length with the patient while out of bed (for Falls risk)
 - Includes on bedside commode
 - While in bathroom (door is not shut)
- ✓ Use tethers and bed alarms
- ✓ Family is not a resource for ambulation or assistance
- ✓ No one “sits” on the side of the bed
 - Too easy to slide off.
 - Sit in the bed or in a chair.
 - Ok to rest there for a few seconds as you are getting patient to stand
- ✓ Use lift equipment
- ✓ Patients are to have on slipper / skid proof socks
- ✓ Ok to use words when patient or family want to intervene, such as: we do not want you participating in risky behaviors.
- ✓ For non-compliance, report situation to nurse.

CAUTI:

- ✓ We are questioning every foley need/asking with every order if truly needed (except any foley inserted or followed by Nephrologist).
- ✓ Peri- care prior to insertion IF required – mild soap and water.
- ✓ Use stationary device and change every 7 days
- ✓ No loops, kinks, touching floor, placing bag above bladder level – the bag is to be attached towards the foot of bed
- ✓ Use CHG as a wipe of the foley tube – for the area resting on thighs (not at the insertion point), on the inner thighs and skin folds daily. This is done after the patient has received peri-care and peri-care is a priority.
- ✓ Remove foley as soon as possible!!!
- ✓ Only those who have received the Baptist TWI training on Foley insertion (by a TWI trainer) are inserting foley's. Memphis now requires 2 nurses for insertion & both must be TWI trained.
 - Please check with the Manager if you want to be trained to see if a trainer is available.
 - You are more than welcome to be an observer in the room during insertion.

CLABSI:

- ✓ All patients with a central line get a CHG bath daily. If refused, reported to nurse.
- ✓ A CHG bath is given after a “regular bath” with the bathing wipes.