

DOCTORS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL POLICY/PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: PAIN MANAGEMENT

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3.8.1 POLICY

Doctors Community Hospital is committed to the assessment and management of pain through a comprehensive multidisciplinary approach.

3.8.2 PROCEDURE

- A. The patient has the right to appropriate assessment and management of pain.
- B. It is the responsibility of all clinical staff to assess and periodically reassess the patient for pain, and relief within their scope of practice. This assessment should include the intensity, quality and responses to treatment. Patients experiencing a pain perception of which is unacceptable to them, will have their pain status reported to the clinician responsible for the patient's pain management in order provide treatment interventions as ordered and to re-evaluate the treatment plan. Reassessment of the patient's pain perception will be performed 30-60 minutes after an intervention. The time of the reassessment, as well as the patient's response to the intervention will be documented in the Medical Record.
- C. Patients will be assessed using either the numeric or the Wong-Baker FACES pain scale (mild, moderate and severe). Children and adults with special needs are more approximately assessed by the FACES scale. Non-verbal patients will be assessed using behavioral cues.

Mild pain: patient rates pain 1-3
Moderate pain: patient rates pain 4-6
Severe pain: patient rates pain 7 or higher

- D. The patient and/or family/significant other will be provided education about pain and pain relief measures.
- E. As appropriate, the patient and/or family/significant other

will be involved in managing his/her/the patient's pain.

- F. Staff will be educated about the assessment, reassessment and treatment of pain.
- G. All Licensed Independent Practitioners will be educated on assessing and managing pain.
- H. Pain Management Performance Improvement activities will be reported through the Quality Management Committee to help ensure the effectiveness of the Pain Management Program.