



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: CHILD'S DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS

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POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The early years of a child's life are very important for health and development.
2. Healthy development means that children of all abilities, including those with special healthcare needs, are able to grow up where their social, emotional and educational needs are met.
3. The interdisciplinary team has the responsibility to assess and monitor the developmental progress of pediatric patients admitted in the Department of Pediatrics. The rehabilitation team is led by a pediatric staff physician whose pediatric training qualifies him/her as a specialist in the developmental needs of the child. The team includes nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, communication disorders specialists, psychologists, social workers, and recreation therapists.

PROCEDURE:

1. The child's developmental level is initially assessed on admission.
2. The developmental progress of the child is assessed weekly throughout hospital stay during the weekly interdisciplinary team rounds.
3. The developmental progress, barriers and plan of care is discussed during the weekly interdisciplinary conference and documented in the patient's electronic health record.
4. Parents are informed of the child's developmental status and progress. Parents are encouraged to be active participants in the developmental program.

References:

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
American Academy of Pediatrics: Pediatric Clinical Practice Guidelines and Policies 19th Edition
Rancho Nursing Department Clinical Policy and Procedure C211.0

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