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	Document Title:	**PATIENT SAFETY IN HEALTH CARE**

PURPOSE:

1. To acknowledged patient safety as a necessary component in strengthening health care systems.
2. To prevent and reduce risks, errors, and harm that may occur to patients during the course of health care.
3. To promote a safe and blame-free culture, encourage the voluntary reporting of adverse events.
4. To continuously check and improve patient safety in accordance with standards.

LEVEL:

Physicians, Nursing Service Division, Total Quality Division, Patient Safety Officer of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital (DPOTMH)

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

1. ***Patient Safety.*** The prevention of errors and adverse effects on patients related to health care. While health care has become more effective, it has also become more complex with the greater use of recent technologies, medicines, and treatments. Health services treat older and sicker patients who often present with significant co-morbidities, requiring more and more difficult decisions as to health care priorities. Increasing economic pressure on health systems often leads to overloaded health care environments.

2. ***Adverse Event.*** A preventable or injury or illness caused by medical management, which needs additional monitoring, treatment, hospitalization, or that results in death.

3. ***Sentinel Event.*** Most serious adverse events which cause permanent harm, severe or temporary serious injury, or death.

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POLICY:

1. The patient safety policy in health care must be implemented in all nursing care areas.

2. All patients admitted to the facility shall be evaluated for any safety risk factors.

3. The Nursing Director/Chief Nurse, Operations Manager, and Patient Safety Officer shall prioritize the establishment and maintenance of a safe and blame-free culture.

4. The Nursing Director/Chief Nurse, Operations Manager, and the Patient Safety Officer shall coordinate and collaborate. The approach to optimal patient safety involves multiple departments and disciplines in establishing plans, processes, and mechanisms that comprise the patient care activities.

5. The department shall identify and develop the policies and procedures required for patient safety.

6. If necessary, the patient safety policy and procedures shall be updated and/or revised.

7. Upon admission, the nurse on duty shall take the patient's baseline assessment for any risk factors pertaining to patient safety.

8. In the event that an incident happens concerning the patient's safety in the stations or special areas, all incidents shall ensure the confidentiality of individual cases. The events/incidents shall properly documented and annual reports with summarized events and action shall be made available. All incident reports shall signed and be reported to the Clinical Manager for Operation.

9. All staff nurses shall observe the implementation of priority areas: Patient Identification Protocols; Effective Communication; Fall Prevention; Medication Safety; Safe Surgical Care; Blood Safety; Safe Childbirth; and Safe Injections.

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DOCUMENTATION:

New Policy

DISSEMINATION:

Policies and Procedures Manual
Hospital Communicator

REFERENCES:

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