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1. PURPOSE/SCOPE

- 1.1. To ensure that licensed nursing staff at the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (hereafter "PHF") provide appropriate care for patients by practicing consistent and up-to-date nursing procedures that is within the scope and level of care provided at the PHF .

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **PHF Leadership** – managerial and executive-level personnel responsible for high-level decision-making. This includes the PHF Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Medical Director, Director of Nursing, Manager, and Nursing Supervisor.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. PHF licensed nursing staff will refer to the most recent edition of the Lippincott Nursing Procedures for detailed information on how to perform many common nursing practices applicable to the services performed at the PHF.
- 3.2. PHF licensed nursing staff will adhere to applicable Behavioral Wellness policies and applicable state and federal laws and regulations in the provision of all services.

4. APPROPRIATE CARE AND TRAINING

- 4.1. PHF nursing staff will consult the PHF *Admissions Criteria and Conditions* policy for detailed information about the services which fall within the scope of appropriate care provided at the PHF.
 - 1. In situations where it may be unclear if a service falls within the scope of appropriate care provided at the PHF, PHF nursing staff will communicate with PHF Leadership who will make a determination.
- 4.2. The Nursing Supervisor, in consultation with and with support from other PHF Leadership, will ensure that nursing staff are trained in nursing procedures determined to fall within the scope of appropriate care at the PHF.

REFERENCE

Lippincott Nursing Procedures
 Published by Wolters Kluwer Health/Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Print.

RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS

Admissions Criteria and Conditions

REVISION RECORD

| DATE | VERSION | REVISION DESCRIPTION |
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Culturally and Linguistically Competent Policies

The Department of Behavioral Wellness is committed to the tenets of cultural competency and understands that culturally and linguistically appropriate services are respectful of and responsive to the health beliefs, practices and needs of diverse individuals. All policies and procedures are intended to reflect the integration of diversity and cultural literacy throughout the Department. To the fullest extent possible, information, services and treatments will be provided (in verbal and/or written form) in the individual’s preferred language or mode of communication (i.e. assistive devices for blind/deaf).