

ELOPEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete upon admission or per facility policy. For each question, check YES or NO as appropriate. On the reverse, check all interventions used and enter date initiated for each checked. Summarize findings, conclusion, and recommendations in the space provided.

Yes No: Does the patient have a history of elopement? If yes, explain:

Yes No: Is the patient cognitively impaired with poor decision-making skills (i.e., intermittent confusion, cognitive deficit or disoriented all the time)? If yes, explain:

Yes No: Is the patient attempting to wander in Emergency Department? If yes, explain:

If the answer to any of the above questions is yes, the patient is an elopement precaution. The patient must remain in the Emergency Department for a Mental Health Evaluation. Patient should be changed into scrubs. A safety huddle should be initiated between Emergency Department and Behavioral services staff. Patient should be placed on constant observation.

Yes No: Is the patient on a 9.41 or 9.45 legal status in the Emergency Department? Are they accepting of the situation, or are they focused on discharge? If yes, explain:

Yes No: Does the patient have a pertinent diagnosis (i.e., Dementia, OBS, Alzheimer's, Delusions, Hallucinations, Anxiety Disorder, Depression, Manic Depression, and Schizophrenia)? If yes, explain:

PTSD

Yes No: Does the patient ambulate independently, with or without the use of an assistive device (including a wheelchair)? If yes, explain:

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Yes No: Does the patient have any visual or auditory deficits? If yes, explain:

Yes No: Is the patient under the influence of illegal drugs, prescription drugs or alcohol? If yes, explain:

Yes No: Has the patient sustained a personal tragedy or received upsetting information? If yes, explain:

PLAN OF CARE / INTERVENTIONS

- Recreational activities
- Music / Television
- Phone calls to family or friends
- All staff aware of Elopement Risk

SUMMARY / CONCLUSIONS / RECOMMENDATIONS

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