



HOME HEALTH CARE for the NEUROLOGY • NEURO- SURGERY PATIENT

EXAMPLE DIAGNOSES

CVA • Alzheimer's Disease
Multiple Sclerosis • Muscular Dystrophy
Cancer • Laminectomy • Fusion
Craniotomy • ALS

- Management and Evaluation of the Care Plan for:
 - Prolonged/extended home health care need
 - Continued personal care service
 - Multiple services and caregivers for complicated/complex care
 - Terminal supportive care
 - High potential of changes for the at risk patient

SKILLED NURSING

Visit frequency determined by physician orders and assessment of patient's condition and needs.

Services Provided:

- Skilled Observation/Assessment/Evaluation of:
 - Signs/symptoms of complications/infection
 - Response to medication/treatments
 - Physical/mental limitations
 - Changes in activities of daily living
 - Coping mechanisms/advocacy needs
 - Environmental safety factors
- Procedures, Treatments as Prescribed:
 - Monitor neuro signs/mental status checks
 - Pain control/management
 - Venipuncture for lab, drug levels
 - Nasogastric tube management
 - Gastrostomy tube management
 - Foley catheter insertion/management
 - Suprapubic catheter changes/management
 - Dressing changes and wound care
 - Suture/staple removal
 - Administer medications, IM, IV, SC, etc.
 - Bowel/bladder care
- Patient/Family Teaching of Care for:
 - Disease process – care management
 - Diet, bowel regime
 - Medication administration/side effects
 - Activity level/safety precautions
 - Emergency procedures
 - Skin care, turning, positioning, ROM
 - Bowel/bladder management
 - Seizure precautions
 - Intermittent catheterization

HOME HEALTH AIDE

Visit frequency based on patient's needs for assistance with activities of daily living/instrumental activities of daily living, physician orders and assessment by RN.

Services Provided:

- Bathing
- Dressing assist
- Grooming/hair care
- Oral care
- Toileting
- Transfers
- Ambulation
- Light meal preparation
- Routine exercises
- Medication reminders
- Cleaning patient care area
- Care of orthotic/prosthetic devices
- Reality orientation/communication assist

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MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Counseling and intervention can be provided by the medical social worker when the home social dynamics affect the medical condition of the patient. Visit frequency determined by the patient's physical and social needs and physician's orders.

Services Provided:

- ❖ Psychosocial assessment/evaluation
- ❖ Financial assistance
- ❖ Counseling for long range planning
- ❖ Housing/nursing home placement
- ❖ Community resource planning
- ❖ Contingency/emergency care planning
- ❖ Brief therapy
- ❖ Crisis intervention

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Visit frequency based on patient's needs and physician orders for evaluation, treatment, and teaching.

Services Provided:

➤ Therapy:

- Activities of daily living and self-care training
- Increase use of affected extremity (ies) for functional activities and ADL
- Train in one-handed activities as necessary
- Fabrication of splints
- Cognitive retraining
- Home modification for safety and accessibility
- Develop and implement therapeutic program to restore function

➤ Teaching:

- Environmental safety measures
- Use and care of durable medical equipment
- Therapeutic adaptations
- Home modifications
- Home program for rehabilitation

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Visit frequency based on assessment of patient's condition and needs and physician orders.

Services Provided:

➤ Therapy:

- Assess rehabilitation needs/potential
- Evaluation, therapeutic exercises
- Transfer training
- Gait training/ambulation for increasing balance, strength and functional endurance
- Establish a home rehabilitation program
- Modalities for pain control and enhancement of tissue repair, i.e. ultrasound, electrical stimulation, TENS

➤ Teaching:

- Body mechanics education
- Home maintenance program
- Transfer, gait training
- Safety measures
- Equipment use/care/safety
- Traction

SPEECH THERAPY

Visit frequency based on assessment of patient's communication needs and physician's orders.

Services Provided:

➤ Establish Communication Skills Program for:

- Language disorders
- Articulation
- Dysfluency
- Voice disorders
- Cognitively impaired
- Laryngectomies and glossectomies
- Design dysphagia treatment program
- Design aural rehabilitation program