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IN BRIEF

The NISS Standard Revision Committee and the ad hoc NISS Emergency and Psychiatry Working Groups reviewed a total of 16 NISS forms for the spring 2017 revision cycle. Six forms required revisions. The revisions include updates to the following sections: 'Advance Care Plan', 'Key Contact', 'Allergies', 'Medications', and 'Observation and Measurements.' The Admission Assessment and History form for psychiatry (AAPSY-071) has been updated to include the preliminary suicide screening questions of the Saskatchewan Suicide Framework and Protocol

NISS POCKET GUIDE UPDATED

In January 2017, the NISS pocket guides were updated to include the 2015-17 NANDA-I Nursing Diagnosis. The pocket guides can be ordered by contacting NISS@3sHealth.ca.

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You can reach NISS by calling the main number at 3sHealth, which is 306-347-5500 or by calling our new direct line, which is 306-552-6254.

NISS FORMS REVISIONS

AMBULATORY-EMERGENCY CARE

Initial Assessment and Record of Care form (IARER-171.7)

On page 1, 'Legal Medical Substitute Decision Maker' has been added to reflect up-to-date terminology. 'Facility specific Allergy/Intolerance Record completed' has been added to the 'Allergies' section. And the 'Current Medications' section has been updated to contain a tick box called 'See Best Possible Medication History (BPMH).' The C-Spine Abnormalities section includes a tick box for 'High Risk MOI' (mechanism of injury). A 'Pain/tenderness' tick box replaces what was a 'yes/no' response. A 'WNL (within normal limits)' tick box and a lung diagram with corresponding keys to indicate location and quality of breath sounds has been added to the breathing section.

On pages 1 and 2, a 'WNL (within normal limits)' tick box and a '0-10' pain scale that replaces 'yes/no' tick boxes have been added to the 'Central Nervous System', 'Cardiovascular', 'Gastrointestinal', 'Genitourinary', 'Reproductive', 'Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat', and 'Musculoskeletal and Integumentary Systems Assessments' sections.

On page 2, an anterior and posterior body diagram with corresponding descriptive keys has been added to the 'Musculoskeletal and Integumentary System Assessments' section. Additional parameters have been included under the 'Psychosocial Assessment' section to help prompt the nurse. Also, the subsection related to suicide risk screening done has been updated to include a tick box for the Saskatchewan Suicide Framework and Protocol. A tick box for the NISS 'Suicide Assessment Record (SAR-143)' and an 'Other' tick box to record an alternate suicide risk screening tool utilized are also provided.

Inter-agency Referral and Transit Record form (IARTR1-175.8)

The 'Health Care Directives in Place' section has been updated to ask whether the advance care plans are in place and to attach a copy, if appropriate.

In the 'Allergies' section, a tick box called 'Copy of Facility-specific Allergy/Intolerance Record attached' has been added.

The 'Type of Transport Required' and 'Personnel Required for Transport' sections have been updated.

PSYCHIATRY

Admission Assessment and History form (AAPSY-071.7)

On page 1, a tick box for 'Facility specific Allergy/Intolerance Record completed' has been added to the 'Allergies' section. The 'Key Contact' section has been updated and includes a tick box called 'Allow release of information.' The 'Legal Substitute Decision Maker' section has been added to align with other NISS admission forms. A list of other contacts has been moved from page 6 to page 1. A 'See Mobility Record' tick box has been moved from the 'Musculoskeletal system' to 'Mobility' care component.

On page 2, under the 'Observations and Measurements' care component, a tick box has been added for those facilities that use a vital signs flowsheet on admission. The PQRST pain assessment has been added to align with the other NISS admission forms. CPAP tick boxes have been added to the respiratory system comments section. Prompts to assess risk of developing pressure sores have been added under integumentary comments section. Under the 'Exposure to HIV' section, a 'yes/no' tick box to indicate if a patient verbally consents to HIV testing and a tick box to indicate if the psychiatrist has been informed of any exposure have been added.

On page 3, under 'Observations and Measurements' care component, a 'Facility ARO screening tool completed' tick box has been added. The 'Meds' care component has been updated to contain a tick box called 'See Best Possible Medication History (BPMH).' An area to record any history of non-compliance is also provided. In the 'Treatment and Procedures' care component, the 'Therapies' has been updated. Under the 'Safety' care component, the subsection related to screening for suicide risk has been updated to include the eight Saskatchewan Suicide Framework and Protocol preliminary suicide screening questions and an area to indicate assessed suicide risk level. A tick box for the NISS 'Suicide Assessment Record (SAR-143)' and an 'Other' tick box to record an alternate suicide risk screening tool utilized are also provided. A 'Facility-specific falls risk assessment completed' tick box was added.

On page 4, under the 'Psychosocial' care component, additional 'Personal/home concerns' tick boxes have been added to that section. The 'Assistance needed to structure time and activities' section has been changed to 'Satisfaction with leisure time/activities.'

On page 5, the 'Assessment of Mental, Emotional and Behavioural Status' section has been revamped to adopt the assessment tool used by RQHR in-patient mental health services.

On page 6, an area to document developmental history and concerns has been added in the 'Mental Health history pertinent to this admission' section. 'Family history pertinent to this admission' has been replaced with 'Family mental health history.' A tick box has been added under the 'Belongings' section for a 'Facility-specific patient belongings form.'

Individual Care Plan form (CPPSY-072.6)

On page 1, a tick box called 'Facility specific Allergy/Intolerance record completed' has been added to the 'Allergies' section. Under the 'Miscellaneous Information' section, 'Legal Medical Substitute Decision Maker' has replaced the term 'Next of Kin.' 'Medical proxy' has been removed from the 'Financial Power of Attorney' line. Also, 'Target Discharge Date', 'Barriers to discharge', and 'Admission treatment plan' have been added.

Under the 'Alerts' section, 'Aggression' replaces the term 'Violent'. Tick boxes for 'Falls', 'No visitors', 'Polydipsia' and 'No personal health information' have been added. Tick boxes for 'Advance care plan' to indicate whether the ACP was done, if it is on file, and its location have also been added. This form is available in a fillable pdf template.

REVISED COMMON FORM

Notes form (NO-101.6)

The notes have been revised to include an area for the addressograph on both sides of the form. This change reduces the risk of misidentifying a patient's progress notes in cases when the notes are photocopied.

REVISED FLOWSHEETS

Outpatient Record form (OPR-138.8)

A tick box for 'Facility-specific allergy/intolerance record completed' has been added to the 'Allergies' section. Under the 'Current Medications' section, a tick box for 'See Best Possible Medication History (BPMH)' has been added. The word 'physician' has been replaced with 'practitioner' to allow for the inclusion of nurse practitioner documentation.

Outpatient – Repeat Visit Record form (OPRV-137.5)

The word 'physician' has been replaced with 'practitioner' to allow for the inclusion of nurse practitioner documentation.

WHAT'S NEXT

NISS will be reviewing its admission assessment and history forms in fall 2017 and spring 2018.

Please inform NISS of any accreditation requirements and/or health region concerns related to NISS documentation. If you wish to participate on the NISS Standard Revision Committee, please contact the Clinical Advisor – Nursing Information System Saskatchewan at NISS@3sHealth.ca or 306-552-6254.

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