SURGERY, DIAGNOSTIC, OR MINOR PROCEDURE

OBJECTIVES

To provide data regarding patients condition prior to physical exam.
To prepare patient for physician’s exam.
To prevent/minimize anxiety.
To promote patient/significant other understanding of surgery, diagnostic, and/or procedure.

PROCESS STANDARDS

Clinic Visit

1. Patient’s growth and development needs will be considered in planning and implementing nursing care.
2. All patients on arrival to clinic will have temperature, pulse, respirations, and blood pressure measured and documented in the Electronic Health Record (EHR).
3. The nurse will assess patients and document findings in the EHR.
4. Staff will follow Infection Control Standard Precautions regarding dressings and wound care.
5. Patients’ relevant lab results will be reviewed in the EHR prior to physician’s exam.
6. Patient will be given a return appointment to clinic as specified by the physician documented in the EHR.

Surgery, Diagnostic or Minor Procedure

1. The patient/significant other will receive explanation of all procedures/equipment as documented in the EHR.
2. The patient will sign a pre-op surgical consent form after proper explanation of procedure by physician.
3. Surgical/diagnostic prep, site marking if applicable, and time out will be completed prior to surgery/procedure and documented in the EHR.

OUTCOME STANDARDS

1. Patients will be properly prepared for the physician’s exam.
2. Patients/family members will understand date of return appointment.
3. Patient will be discharged from clinic in stable condition as determined by physician.
4. The patient/significant other will verbalize understanding of home instructions.