**Patient Care Policies and Procedures** 

Patient and Family Education PC.P15

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**POLICY:** Patients/families are provided with written and verbal education and information as appropriate and needed.

## **PROCEDURE:**

- 1. Members of the Interdisciplinary Group (IDG) assess the education and training needs of the patient/family based on the care being provided to the patient.
- 2. As appropriate to each patient/family, verbal or written information may be provided related to, but not limited to the following:
  - a. effective pain management;
  - b. the disease process and the palliation of symptoms;
  - c. signs and symptoms of approaching death;
  - d. safe and effective use of medications, including side effects, preparation and storage and disposal;
  - e. prevention and control of infection;
  - f. safe use of medical equipment;
  - g. nutritional needs of the hospice patient;
  - h. community resources;
  - i. emergency preparedness;
  - j. appropriate and safe use of restraints; and
  - k. basic home safety.
- 3. All teaching provided to patients/caregivers, whether verbal or in the form of written materials, is documented in the patient's clinical record and includes the information provided and the understanding and response of the patient/family

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