

**KING FAISAL SPECIALIST HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE
NURSING AFFAIRS**

Enterostomal Therapy

Scope of Service:

- Responsible for assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation of care for stoma patients.
- Responsible for the education of patients with stomas.
- To give advise and guidance for patients with complex wound and drainage problems.
- To give advise and guidance on skin integrity issues related to incontinence and pressure.
- Participates in educational programmes for staff related to speciality.

Frequent Procedures/Services/Functions

- Pre and post-operative support and education for patients having formation of a stoma.
- To assist with discharge planning and home supply issues for patients with stomas.
- To follow patients in the stoma clinic, providing further support and education, or to help with skin and pouching problems for stoma patients.
- To advice medical and nursing staff on issues related to stomas and complex wound, fistula or drainage problems.
- To give advice on pressure area care, pressure relieving devises and skin related problems.
- To give advice on skin problems related to incontinence.
- To provide and update patient education material and teaching records for stoma patients.
- To identify educational needs of nursing staff and to provide classes and materials for staff development on issues related to ET nursing.
- To review, trial and assist in the maintenance of wound and stoma supplies for the hospital.

Hours of Operation

0700 – 1700 Saturday to Tuesday

0700 – 1600 Wednesday

Office on second floor next to C-2

Available on pager # 9390

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO SERVICE

- Patients referred by medical or nursing staff.
- Patients referred will have problems related to ostomies; complex wounds or drains, loss of skin integrity due to incontinence or pressure.

STAFFING PLAN

Number and Mix of Staff

One staff member

An interpreter from the Surgical Clinic PRN

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Method of Adjusting to Staffing Variances

- For leave coverage, a designated Staff Nurse I from the surgical service who has been oriented to the role will cover.
- Sick days are not covered but there are resource staff on C3 and A3 for stoma care.

QUALIFICATIONS OF STAFF

Qualifications/Licenses/Certifications Required of Staff

- Licensed Registered General Nurse
- Certificate of Stoma Therapy
- BCLS

How Inservice / Continuing Education Programs are Provided to Maintain Staff Competency

- Appropriate journal and organization subscription for stoma therapy.
- Subscription to Internet journals and organizations on wound care.
- Self-study/use of Library.

Required Competencies

- BCLS
- Demonstrates advanced nursing skills appropriate to the practice of an ET nurse

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS/PROGRAMS

Internal and External Methods of Communication

- A lot of communication with other departments is by direct verbal communication.
- During collaborative practice meetings and on unit rounds with nursing and medical staff
- By telephone, Fax, cc-mail
- Written orders
- Patients Care Plan
- During staff meetings and in-services
- Organizational and unit meetings
- Newsletters and flyers
- Memos

Describe Collaborative Relationships with Other Departments

- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams during committee meetings, patients rounds, collaborative practice meetings on the general surgery unit, task forces looking at performance improvement issues.
- Occasionally asked to visit patients with the plastic surgery team for collaboration on a patients care.
- Often collaborate with the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Department on issues related to hydrotherapy or mobility.
- Collaborate with the nurses in the dressing outpatient clinics on a regular basis.

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- Collaborate very closely with the Nurse Products Coordinator regarding issues related to stoma and wound supplies.
- On each patient visit collaborate very closely with nursing, medical and other disciplines that may be involved in the patients care and recovery including the patient, family and sitters.

GOALS OF DEPARTMENT

- To maintain a collaborative approach to patient care with all other disciplines.
- To provide effective and up-to-date education and support for stoma patients.
- To assist in maintaining wound and stoma supplies that are effective, cost effective and of a high standard.
- To use quality improvement on a continuing basis for all stoma and wound care practices.
- To increase awareness and improve the knowledge of nursing and medical staff on issues related to wound and stoma care.
- To ensure that wound care practice is based on current research findings.
- To provide information and help set standards for the prevention of pressure ulcers.

PLAN TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF SERVICE

- A Quality Improvement plan for wound care is in progress. This will lead to guidelines for improved standards of care for patients with wounds.
- To update and improve the teaching material for stoma patients.
- To facilitate the implementation of a risk assessment tool for pressure ulcers.
- To coordinate with the Nursing Products Coordinator and Purchasing to improve on the availability of wound and skin care products at the unit level.