

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **PATIENT ACCESS SYSTEM**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Rights and Organization Ethics**

Heading: **N/A**

Key Word(s): **Protocols**

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Purpose: Patient access to designated areas of the hospital is commensurate with their level of functioning and degree of risk; the levels are granted based on history and input of treatment team regarding observations of on and off-unit behavior.

Brief Description: The Patient Access System manual defines criteria for each access level. The Interdisciplinary Team will review access levels with patients monthly. Where appropriate, the team will set goals designed to meet the next level of access, as outlined in the Patient Access System manual. New access levels are to be granted as the documented goals are met. Access levels are indicated by color-coded cards worn by the patient that are easily identifiable by staff and patients.

Selection Basis/Criteria: As written above.

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other _____

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