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POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Clinical Practice

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CARRIGLEA CAIRDE SERVICES

Procedures Manual

Title: CLINICAL PRACTICE

1.0 Scope

1 1 Procedures for best practice in clinical governance and nursing practices.

2.0 Aims and Values

2.1 To ensure safety, person centeredness and dignity for all service users in the area of clinical and nursing practice.

2.2 To provide guidance to staff in best practice procedures in the area of clinical and nursing practices.

2.3 To ensure that research based knowledge underpins nursing practice.

3.0 Contents

6.0 Policy on Clinical Practice

7.0 Clinical Guidelines

8.0 Medical/Clinical Equipment

4.0 Referenced Documents

SD-30 Medication Management
Clinical Guidelines Folder

5.0 Responsibilities

5 1 Management and all staff trained in clinical practice.

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6.0 POLICY ON CLINICAL PRACTICE

- 6.1 It is the policy of Carriglea Cáirde Services that best practice procedures are carried out in all clinical and nursing areas of care.
- 6.2 Staff who carry out clinical procedures must have the necessary knowledge and practical skills to perform clinical tasks and to adhere to nationally accepted clinical guidelines.
- 6.3 Nursing staff must adhere to An Bord Altranais Code of Professional Conduct for each registered Nurse and Midwife (*An Bord Altranais 2000*)
- 6.4 Carriglea Cáirde Services policy on *Medication Management* contains the policy and procedure in relation to best practice with regard to the ordering, dispensing, administration, storage, security and disposal of medication. This policy also contains details regarding the disposal of sharps.
- 6.5 Clinical waste is disposed of in the appropriate container and placed in the designated bin (near the smoking area at Carriglea).

7.0 CLINICAL GUIDELINES

- 7.1 Best practice guidelines are provided in the green *Clinical Guidelines Folder* which is in place in all areas where clinical/nursing tasks are carried out.
- 7.2 The list of Clinical Guidelines includes.
- The Recording of Fluid Balance Intake and Output
 - Administration of Nebulised Medication for Adults using a Compressor
 - The use of Oxygen Therapy
 - Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastronomy (PEG) Feeding Management.
 - Venepuncture
 - Subcut Fluids
 - Diabetes Management
 - Blood Glucose Monitoring
 - Wound Management
- Further guidelines may be added from time to time

8.0 MEDICAL/CLINICAL EQUIPMENT

- 8.1 Medical equipment should only be used by staff who have been instructed how to use it and know how to identify faulty equipment.
- 8.2 Any staff who discovers equipment to be faulty should immediately take it out of use.

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