

# GENERAL INPATIENT LEVEL OF CARE

## Admission criteria:

1. Uncontrolled pain, including sudden onset or new manifestation of pain, requiring increased titration of medications and increased staff intervention.
2. Uncontrolled nausea and vomiting or other major GI symptoms requiring frequent intervention with medication and nursing assessment of client response.
3. Pain and symptoms remain uncontrolled with prescribed medication and close observation and frequent nursing assessments needed to determine the client's response.
4. New seizure activity that requires intervention of a physician, initiation of prescribed medication and close, frequent nursing observation of client's response to medication.
5. Terminal restlessness requiring frequent intervention with medication and nursing assessment of client response.
6. Exacerbating shortness of breath or dyspnea requiring frequent assessment, increased use of medication or oxygen, and increased staff intervention.
7. IV or subcutaneous medications are initiated and close observation and frequent nursing assessments are needed to determine the client's response.
8. Acute anxiety or depression requiring frequent intervention with prescribed medication and/or increased need of social worker to provide support and recommendations.
9. Adjustments in medications that include dose changes or additions of new medications requiring increased nursing assessment of client's response.
10. New admission where new orders are initiated and there is more intense intervention needed from the hospice interdisciplinary team.
11. Increased need for evaluation by a physician secondary to changing medical condition.
12. An acute general deterioration requiring increased nursing intervention.

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