

HISTORY AND PHYSICAL

MS 200

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PURPOSE

To define the elements of a patient’s history and physical examination and medical history on admission or before any operative or interventional procedure.

POLICY

A. Contents of a History and Physical Examination (H&P)

1. The H&P shall be performed by a qualified member of the medical staff or designee with appropriate privileges, except as noted in C.2 below.
2. The H&P shall consist of chief complaint, history of present illness, allergies and medications, relevant social and family history, past medical history, review of systems and physical examination, and assessment and plan appropriate to the patient’s age.

B. Inpatient Admission

1. Within 24 hours after admission or immediately before, an H&P examination shall be performed, providing the patient’s condition permits.

C. Patients Undergoing Procedures Requiring Moderate or Deep Sedation, General Anesthesia or Regional Anesthesia

1. An H&P shall be performed within 24 hours prior to the procedure by a qualified member of the medical staff or designee with appropriate privileges, except as noted in C.2 below.
2. If a complete history and physical was performed within thirty (30) calendar days prior to the patient’s admission to the Medical Center for elective surgery, a member of the medical staff assumes the responsibility for the accuracy of the clinical information and will need to document in the medical record within twenty-four (24) hours of admission and prior to surgery or major invasive procedure, that they either attest that the history and physical has been reviewed and accepted, or document an update of the original history and physical relevant to the patient’s current clinical status.

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- 3. Providing an H&P for patients undergoing surgery under local anesthesia is at the discretion of the Attending Physician.
 - 4. When a procedure is performed by a dentist, podiatrist or other practitioner who is not privileged to perform an H&P, the anesthesiologist's assessment immediately prior to the procedure will constitute the 24 hour re-assessment. The dentist, podiatrist or other practitioner who is not privileged to perform an H&P will document the history and physical relevant to the procedure.
- D.** If the H&P and the written informed consent for the surgery or procedure are not recorded in the patient's medical record prior to surgery, the operation shall not be performed unless the attending physician states in writing that such delay could lead to an adverse event or irreversible damage to the patient.
- E.** The above requirements shall not preclude the rendering of emergency medical or surgical care to a patient in dire circumstances.

APPROVAL

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