Develop care pathways for patient management



Overview

This standard relates to developing and planning of long term; multidisciplinary care pathways for specific patients and carers.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 plan pathways for patients and carers based on discussion of options, priorities, concerns and preferences of stakeholders
- P2 agree, review and evaluate methods and arrangements
- P3 aim to optimise patient care within constraints of patient preferences, cost and availability of options
- P4 ensure that the pathway allows for patient and carers to have clear and realistic expectations about the results of planned outcomes
- P5 agree and gain consent for next actions
- P6 provide timely information to other professionals or agencies who will be involved in implementing the care plan
- P7 review and audit care pathways to meet emerging needs and contingencies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 scope, purpose and limitations of care pathways
- K2 the range of care options available and how to access relevant services
- K3 the advantages and disadvantages of each care option
- K4 how to match care options to patients' needs
- K5 methods and measures of evaluating progress and outcome of care pathways
- K6 the implications of care options for patients
- K7 the implications for different patient capabilities on selection of care options
- K8 local availability, cost and access to selected care options
- K9 procedures for implementing care options
- K10 recording procedures and documentation relating to care plans
- K11 communication channels with other services, professionals and agencies who may be involved in delivering the care plan
- K12 the purpose of clinical review and audit
- K13 how to review and audit care pathways in practice

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Additional Information

Links to other NOS

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