

CC25 Pain Management Responsibilities

Purpose

1. To ensure all participants are assisted where possible to maintain a pain free lifestyle.

Alignment with Practice Standards

1. Module 2: Provider Governance and Operational Management
2. Module 3: Provision of Supports
3. High Intensity Daily Personal Activities

Legislative Alignment

1. National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
2. Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)
3. Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)

Key Responsible Executive

Chief Executive Officer

For More Support

Head of Multidisciplinary Care

Policy Statement

1. This policy applies to Management, registered nurses, care staff, and other allied health staff.
2. Pain management is defined as any intervention being medication, alternative therapies, positioning or use of available equipment and or resources, which alleviates discomfort and increases the participant's sense of well-being.

Procedures

1. Management will be responsible for ensuring staff meet all necessary legal requirements regarding documentation and management of S8 medications.
2. Management will be responsible for ensuring availability of ordered medication.
3. The registered nurse will be responsible for documenting in drug register (as required) received pharmacy stock.
4. The registered nurse will be responsible for administering ordered medication.
5. The registered nurse will be responsible for appropriate documentation of administered medication.
6. The registered nurse will be responsible for reporting to LMO effectiveness of ordered analgesia.
7. The registered nurse will be responsible for advising management where necessary of pain management difficulties.
8. Care staff will be responsible for reporting to the registered nurse any signs or symptoms of discomfort/pain.
9. Physiotherapist will be responsible for assessing and advising staff on individual appropriate pain management methods.
10. Physiotherapy nursing staff will be responsible for providing ongoing active/passive exercises and other appropriate pain management methods under the guidance of a physiotherapist.

References to other SAVVY policies

1. CS3.5 Participant Record Management
2. HR4.17 Information Technology

References to other external materials

1. Personal care and clinical procedures manual

Supporting documentation

1. Individual participants medication charts
2. S8 drug register
3. Doctors' notes
4. Nurses' continuation notes
5. Care and service plan

Version Control

1. 1 April 2023 - New Policy Creation