

Introduction

The goal of a Restorative Nursing program is to ensure that a resident's abilities in activities of daily living do not diminish unless circumstances of the individual's clinical condition demonstrate that diminution was unavoidable. The Restorative Nurse plays a vital part in improving and maintaining the residents' quality of life and quality of care in the long term care facility.

This manual provides the essential information, forms, and care plans to facilitate the organization and efficiency of Restorative Nursing programs.

The first section gives a full description of the Restorative Nurse position and definitions and criteria of Restorative programs. Helpful tools are provided to assure easy and comprehensive data collection, completion of MDS information, analysis of data, and recording of vital information.

Sections are included for thirteen different Restorative programs, and provide evaluations, assessments, and care plans.

Care plans and forms have been updated to ensure compliance with the change to MDS version 3.0 and with all of the federal regulations and guidelines updated during the past year.

All of the forms and care plans in the book are included on the CD so they can be saved to a computer whenever needed. By adding or deleting entries, the forms and care plans can be made resident specific.

Forms on the CD are not numbered. Forms in the manual are numbered for the sake of convenience.