### Standard of Practice:

The nurse implements nursing interventions designed to assist the patient in the evaluation process.

#### Measurement Criteria:

1. The nurse collects objective and subjective data to assess the patient’s:
   - Understanding of reason for hospitalization.
   - Ability to learn and retain new information.
   - Mental condition.
   - Comprehension of legal position.
   - Expectations of the evaluation process.
   - Ability and willingness to cooperate in the evaluation process.
   - Response to health problems.
   - Recognition of maladaptive behaviors.
   - Knowledge and comprehension of pertinent legal status.

2. The nurse notes actual or probable alterations in the patient’s bio/psycho/social status which may have contributed to his/her legal position or affects the diagnostic evaluation.

3. The nurse collaborates with the patient to identify needs and establish realistic goals such as to:
   - Understand reason for hospitalization.
   - Comprehend his/her legal position.
   - Be informed of diagnostic and evaluation procedures.
   - Be cognizant of any psychiatric or medical findings.
   - Differentiate appropriate and maladaptive behaviors.
- Identify behaviors that may affect legal position.
- Complete a diagnostic evaluation.
- Understand recommendations of the Treatment Forensic Team.
- Be aware of treatment and/or sentencing options delineated by statute.

4. The nurse designs and implements interventions which:

- Help the patient to understand and process the realities of his/her situation.
- Enable the patient to participate in the evaluation process.
- Help the patient identify and control inappropriate behaviors.
- Prepare the patient for treatment and/or sentencing decisions.

5. The nurse regularly evaluates the patient’s response to interventions and reviews goal attainment with the patient.

**Standard of Care**

The patient is assisted by the nurse in the evaluation process.

**Measurement Criteria:** - The patient:

- Understands the reason for hospitalization.
- Comprehends his/her legal position.
- Is knowledgeable of the evaluation process.
- Is informed of any psychiatric or medical findings.
- Identifies behaviors which adversely affect his/her legal position.
- Completes a diagnostic evaluation.
- Is informed of recommendations made by the Forensic Treatment Team to the court.
- Is aware of possible treatment and/or sentencing options delineated by statute.