

NURSING: Readmission Alert Discharge Plan

Instructions: Place behind the Medication Reconciliation Form in the chart.

1) Assess Prior Admit: by reviewing old chart, obtain history from patient/family/caregiver and/or checking OC system. If patient was discharged 30 days or less prior to present admission than score previous admission for

L (Length of Stay), **A** (Acute Admission), **C** (Comorbidity) and **E** (Emergency Room Visits past 6 months).

Check Prior admission at the top of page one and enter LACE score.

2) Assess Present Admit: by a projected **L**ength of Stay of 3 days (3 points), **A**cute Admission, **C**omorbidity and **E**R Visits.

Check Present admission at the top of page one and enter projected LACE score for 3 days LOS, 4-6 days LOS and 7-13 days LOS

MODIFIED LACE TOOL				
Attribute	Value	Points	Prior Admit	Present Admit
Length of Stay	Less 1 day	0		
	1 day	1		
	2 days	2		
	3 days	3		
	4-6 days	4		
	7-13 days	5		
	14 or more days	6		
Acute Admission	Inpatient	3		
	Observation	0		
Comorbidity (Comorbidity points are cumulative to a maximum of 6 points)	No prior history	0		
	DM no complications, Cerebrovascular disease, Hx of MI, PVD, PUD,	1		
	Mild liver disease, DM with end organ damage, CHF, COPD, Leukemia, lymphoma, any tumor, cancer, or moderate to severe renal disease,	2		
	Dementia or connective tissue disease	3		
	Moderate or severe liver disease or HIV infection	4		
	Metastatic cancer	6		
Emergency Room visits during the previous 6 months	0 visits	0		
	1 visits	1		
	2 visits	2		
	3 visits	3		
	4 or more visits	4		
Take the sum of the points and enter the totals →				

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2) Assess Present Admission: score present admission using Modified LACE Tool

3) Discharge Plan Checklist: The Registered Nurse who discharges the patient will complete the Discharge Plan Checklist,

- Prior admission (30 days or less): patient discharged on _____ with a LACE score of ()
- Present admission: admitted on _____
If present LOS is 3 days projected LACE score is ()
If present LOS is 4-6 days projected LACE score is ()
If present LOS is 7-13 days projected LACE score is ()

Discharge Plan Checklist: (LACE score ≥ 11 suggests high risk for readmission)

- Presenting problem that precipitated hospitalization identified and shared with patient/ family/caregiver.
- Patient/ family/caregiver educated on primary DX and secondary DX.
- Patient/ family/caregiver given a written schedule of discharge medications and instructions on purpose and cautions.
- Preadmission and discharge medications reconciled and patient/ family/caregiver are aware of new medications, change in dose or frequency and medications that should be discontinued.
- Patient/ family/caregiver educated on anticipated problems and appropriate interventions relative to disease and symptom management.
- Patient/ family/caregiver have been educated on diet and activity.
- Patient discharged with a follow-up appointment within one week of discharge if physician concurs.
- Patient/ family/caregiver can identify primary care physician and consultants; knows about signs and symptoms that may develop, and when to call the physician or seek emergency medical care by calling 911.
- Patient/ family/caregiver can give a brief summary of discharge instructions when asked.

RN: Print and Sign Name: _____ Date: _____