

**HACKETTSTOWN MEDICAL CENTER
PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROCEDURE MANUAL
PRIORITIES IN USE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES**

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PURPOSE

Patient is in the care of Nursing Service 24 hours daily. When the patient is stable medically, Rehabilitation Services is then asked to be involved in pertinent situations. The patient is evaluated by all appropriate services (Respiratory Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing Service, Speech Therapy, Social Services) on a team approach. Upon completion of evaluation, priorities are set for the patient's care by different services, depending on the magnitude and area of his/her problems.

Presently, Hackettstown Medical Center offers Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Speech Therapy and Social Service in addition to Nursing. The patient receives Physical Therapy and/or Occupational Therapy with follow-through by nurses on the unit. Social Service performs discharge planning in conjunction with Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Nursing and Respiratory Therapy.

During inclement weather or any staffing emergency, patients receiving physical and/or occupational therapy will be given priorities according to necessity of treatment based on therapist evaluation. An attempt will be made to treat bid patients at least once during the course of the day, depending on medical necessity.