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POLICY: Staff will provide consistent quality nursing care for all patients appropriate for inpatient hospitalization.

PROCEDURE:

1. Cascade Medical Center will not discriminate with admissions to our hospital inpatient acute care unit (as stated in the Patient Non-Discrimination Policy).
2. Patients with infectious disease will be admitted to a private room until exposure risks to other patients can be determined. Universal precautions will be applied at all times.
3. Patients with functional deficits and limitations will be accommodated.
4. Patients with language barriers will be accommodated through the use of interpreters.
5. Patients with special needs will be accommodated with private rooms.
6. The Patient's "Bill of Rights" will be given to each patient that is admitted to this facility upon admission.
7. Staffing will be based on the specific needs and acuity of patients on the floor.
8. The appropriate Standard of Care will be followed based on the patient's diagnosis and individual needs.
9. If financial assistance is needed, the Business Office will inform the patient of all financial options available, i.e., DSHS, Charity Care, payment plan.