POLICY

It is the policy of Ageia Health Services to assure all residents are properly assessed and treated for pain.

PROCEDURES

1. An initial assessment will be completed by the community Licensed Nurse to evaluate basic needs, this includes pain relief, with 72 hours of admit.
2. Within 72 hours all new admissions will be assessed for pain by the community Licensed Nurse, using the Pain Assessment Form. Interventions will be identified on the resident care plan.
3. The assessment form will be completed when a new pain medication is started.
4. Pain assessment will be updated quarterly using the update sections on the Pain Assessment Form.
5. The care plan will be updated as appropriate when there is a change in pain and/or pain management.
6. Pain orders should be written using the following protocol:
   a. For Mild Pain
   b. For Moderate Pain
   c. For Severe Pain
   d. For Breakthrough Pain
   Exhibited as: (state the kind), e.g. headache, or right knee pain, etc.

FORMS

Pain Assessment Form