

<b>Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce Inc.</b> Nursing Manual	<b>DIVISION:</b> Nursing	<b>POLICY NO:</b> 1-R-20
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	<b>SUBJECT:</b> HS Care	

All patients will have excellent and thorough HS care to maximize comfort.

**PURPOSE:**

To clearly define the expectations for HS care and to ensure consistency in patient's care.

**PROCEDURE:**

- Patient's face and hands are washed and dried.
- Patient's back is washed. Lotion applied. Massage to back and to all pressure areas, including heels, elbows, etc.
- Patient toileted according to their ability (ie. commode, bedpan, urinal, etc)
- Pericare. New incontinent product applied if required.
- Mouth care according to the patient's needs. Teeth cleaned or dentures removed, cleaned and soaked overnight.
- Hair brushed.
- Change damp or soiled linen. Straighten linens. Offer blankets.
- Change into clean night clothes.
- Position patient comfortably in bed and support with pillows as required. Position bed according to patient's comfort. Bed rails up. Bed set in its lowest position.
- Check patency of the patient's tubings and lines.
- Fresh water and ice offered to patient and placed on bedside table.
- Bell placed on bedside table within reach of the patient.
- HS sedation offered and HS medications provided.
- Straighten patient's room. Remove extra dishes and cups. Empty garbage. Remove dirty linen.
- Stock supply cart for the next day's care needs.
- Close window shutters. Turn down lights. TV or music on or off as requested by the patient.

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