



HOPE Assessment JOINT VISITS



So that Abt Associates can evaluate interrater reliability of the HOPE assessment items, hospice teams will conduct joint in-person visits to complete each of the three types of HOPE assessments in the beta test.

A joint visit is when two team members visit the patient at the same time.

- One as the assessor and the other as the observer
- Both team members document the assessment independently

The liaison can serve as the observer (based on their discipline).

An individual licensed as a social worker and chaplain, who works in both roles at their hospice, can complete both HOPE disciplinary assessments.

ADMISSION ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT	ASSESSOR		OBSERVER		
RN Admission		AND			
Social Worker Admission			OR		
Chaplain Admission			OR OR		

A HOPE Admission Assessment is made up of three individual disciplinary assessments completed as joint visits:

- RN Admission - two RNs. One as the assessor and the other as the observer
- Social Worker Admission - two SWs can conduct the joint visit. Or, an RN can accompany a SW
- Chaplain Admission - two chaplains may conduct joint visits. Or, an RN or SW can accompany the chaplain

Complete the 3 disciplinary assessments within 5 days of hospice election.

All disciplines do not need to visit at the same time or the same day.

A SW and RN can conduct joint visit together if that's what they do in usual care, a second RN is needed as the observer for both disciplines.

SYMPTOM REASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT	ASSESSOR		OBSERVER		
Symptom Reassessment		AND			

The HOPE Symptom Reassessment is a nursing only assessment triggered by a RN HOPE Admission that identifies the patient is experiencing moderate/severe symptoms.

- The assessment is completed by two RNs conducting a joint visit
- Complete the assessment within 2 days of the triggering HOPE RN Admission

The RN completing the assessment does not need to be the same RN who completed the RN Admission

Only one Symptom Reassessment is completed per patient.

DISCHARGE ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT	ASSESSOR		OBSERVER			
RN Discharge		AND				
Social Worker Discharge				OR		
Chaplain Discharge				OR		OR

A HOPE Discharge Assessment is made up of three individual disciplinary assessments completed as joint visits:

- RN Discharge - two RNs. One as the assessor and the other as the observer
- Social Worker Discharge - if the social worker is active with the patient at the time of discharge, two SWs can conduct the joint visit. Or, an RN can accompany a SW
- Chaplain Discharge - if the chaplain is active with the patient at the time of discharge, two chaplains may conduct the joint visit. Or, an RN or SW can accompany the chaplain

Complete a HOPE discharge assessment when a patient is discharged alive from your hospice services.

Complete multi-disciplinary assessments within 5 days of discharge.

No need to complete any HOPE assessments when patients die.

A transfer, or when the patient revokes, is considered a discharge, for the purposes of the beta test.

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