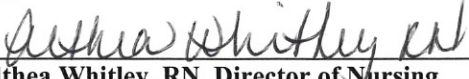
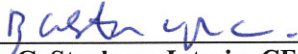




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PURPOSE:

To ensure that as part of a nursing assessment and when indicated by ongoing problems/complaints a client be given a hearing screening to assess his/her gross hearing capabilities.

PROCEDURE:

1. Any staff member may make a referral to a nurse for a hearing screening upon client complaint or observation of symptoms of decreased hearing acuity.
2. As a part of the screening process the nurse will perform the following:
 - a. Instruct the client on the purpose of the screening.
 - b. Select one of the following screening tests and asks the client to indicate whether or not she/he can hear each sound:
 1. Place a watch that ticks 2" from the client's right ear and left ear.
 2. Crumple paper 12" from the client's right ear and left ear.
 3. Softly speak several two syllable words such as "campground, night light, river, butter," near the client's right ear and left ear.
 - c. Document all findings in the client's clinical record, notify physician of any abnormalities and complete consult sheet for referral if indicated.