

PC - Pancreatitis

PC-CUL CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the impact and influences that cultural and spiritual traditions, practices, and beliefs have on health and wellness.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the potential role of cultural/spiritual traditions, practices and beliefs in achieving and maintaining health and wellness. Refer to clergy services, traditional healers, or other culturally appropriate resources.
2. Explain that traditional medicines/treatments should be reviewed with the healthcare provider to determine if there are positive or detrimental interactions with prescribed treatment. Explain that the medical treatment plan must be followed as prescribed to be effective.

PC-DP DISEASE PROCESS

OUTCOME: The patient will understand the causes and symptoms of pancreatitis.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas caused by activation of digestion enzymes produced by the pancreas.
2. Review the signs of pancreatitis, e.g., steady, boring pain radiating to the back or shoulder; low-grade fever; bulky, pale, foul-smelling stools; nausea and/or vomiting; abdominal distention; jaundice.
3. Relate some common causes, e.g., alcohol ingestion, biliary tract disease, postoperative, post-trauma, metabolic conditions, infections, drug-associated, connective tissue disorders with vasculitis.

PC-FU FOLLOW-UP

OUTCOME: The patient will understand the importance of fully participating in treatment regimen and will make a plan for appropriate follow-up.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the individual's responsibility in the management of pancreatitis.
2. Review the treatment plan with the patient, emphasizing the need for keeping appointments and adhering to dietary modifications.
3. Emphasize the importance of regular medical follow-up and keeping clinic appointments.

4. Encourage participation in a self-help group, such as AA, if appropriate.

PC-L LITERATURE

OUTCOME: The patient/family will receive literature about pancreatitis.

STANDARDS:

1. Provide the patient/family with literature on pancreatitis.
2. Discuss the content of the literature.

PC-M MEDICATIONS

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the purpose, proper use, and expected outcomes of prescribed drug therapy.

STANDARDS:

1. Describe the name, strength, purpose, dosing directions, and storage of the medication.
2. Discuss the risks, benefits, and common or important side effects of the medication and follow up as appropriate.
3. Discuss any significant drug/drug, drug/food, and alcohol interactions, as appropriate.
4. Discuss the importance of keeping a list of all current prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, herbs, traditional remedies, and supplements. Encourage the patient to bring this list and pill bottles to appointments for medication reconciliation.

PC-MNT MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the specific nutritional intervention(s) needed for treatment or management of this condition, illness, or injury.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) is a systematic nutrition care process provided by a Registered Dietitian (RD) that consists of the following:
 - a. Assessment of the nutrition related condition.
 - b. Identification of the patient's nutritional problem.
 - c. Identification of a specific nutrition intervention therapy plan.
 - d. Evaluation of the patient's nutritional care outcomes.
 - e. Reassessment as needed.
2. Review the basic nutrition recommendations for the treatment plan.

3. Discuss the benefits of nutrition and exercise to health and well-being.
4. Assist the patient/family in developing an appropriate nutrition care plan.
5. Refer to other providers or community resources as needed.

PC-N NUTRITION

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand how to minimize future episodes of pancreatitis.

STANDARDS:

1. Discuss the relationship between alcohol and pancreatitis and emphasize the importance of total abstinence from alcohol.
2. Encourage the patient to eat low-fat foods, avoid caffeine, and gas-forming foods. Small frequent meals are best.
3. Discuss tips for handling nausea or vomiting (e.g., dry meals, taking liquids a few hour before or after meals, use of ice chips, sipping beverages).
4. Explain that in many cases a regular diet may be very gradually resumed.
5. Refer to registered dietitian as appropriate.

PC-P PREVENTION

OUTCOME: The patient will be able to identify factors related to pancreatitis and, if appropriate, have a plan to prevent future episodes.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that the major cause of pancreatitis in the US is alcohol ingestion.
2. Explain that if alcohol ingestion was a factor, that complete abstinence from alcohol will decrease the chance of future pancreatitis.
3. Explain that, in some cases, dietary changes may prevent attacks or reduce their severity.

PC-PM PAIN MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the plan for pain management.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that pain management in pancreatitis is specific to the disease process of this particular patient and may be multifaceted.
2. Explain that often antispasmodics may be helpful.
3. Explain that short term use of narcotics may be helpful in pain management.

4. Explain that other medications may be helpful to control the symptoms of nausea and vomiting.
5. Explain that administration of fluids may help with pain relief and resolution of symptoms.
6. **Refer to PM.**

PC-TE TESTS

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the test(s) to be performed, the potential risks, the expected benefits, and the risks of non-testing.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain test(s) that have been ordered (explain as appropriate):
 - a. method of testing
 - b. necessity, benefits, and risks of test(s) to be performed
 - c. any potential risk of refusal of recommended test(s)
 - d. any advance preparation and instructions required for the test(s)
 - e. how the results will be used for future medical decision-making
 - f. how to obtain the results of the test
2. Explain test results:
 - a. meaning of the test results
 - b. follow-up tests may be ordered based on the results
 - c. how results will impact or effect the treatment plan
 - d. recommendations based on the test results

PC-TX TREATMENT

OUTCOME: The patient will understand the treatment plan.

STANDARDS:

1. Explain that pancreatic secretions can be minimized by eliminating oral ingestion of food and fluid. This must be done to “rest” the pancreas.
2. Explain the proper use of pain medications. **Refer to PM.**
3. Explain that, if the pancreatitis episode is prolonged, total parenteral nutrition may be required to maintain nutrition and promote healing.
4. Refer to community resources as appropriate.