

Elopement Precautions

- Assess the need for constant observation on a case by case basis, frequent checks by staff for moderate risk.
- Have patient change into gown (panties ok), remove all patient belongings from room and store in a locked/safe location.
- Assign patient to a room close to the Nurse's station and away from Exit door if possible.
- Use caution when entering and exiting the area (ensure patient is away from the doors).
- Frequently update the patient on his/her status. Engage patient with therapeutic communication.
- Assess own reactions toward patient. Discuss own feelings with team to ensure clinical/patient centered focus.
- Meet as an Interdisciplinary Team to discuss pt.'s progress, concerns, or staff splitting. Meet as an Interdisciplinary Team to discuss pt.'s progress, concerns and to ensure consistent communication regarding planning for patient care.