

**St. Francis Hospital & Health Centers Nursing Pain Management Council Charter
Indianapolis-Beech Grove-Mooresville Indiana
2010**

Mission

- To ensure that all patients receive adequate care for the treatment of pain that is guided by best practice and evidence based research in accordance with the philosophy of St. Francis Hospital and Health Centers.

Purpose

- The Nursing Pain Management Council is a staff nurse driven group that will be accountable to have a direct impact on nursing pain management decisions and initiatives this will include ownership of the Assessment of Pain policy, Pain Assessment tools, and nursing education related to pain. The council will establish pain assessment guidelines and treatment recommendations and development of protocols and order sets pertaining to pain management from current evidence based research.
- The council will be responsible for reporting ongoing data at the hospital level, unit level and establishing hospital goals and initiatives to improve the care of the patient with pain and related symptoms.
- The council is responsible for further development, refinement, and evaluation of the charter on an ongoing basis (at least annually).

Information and proceeds are protected as "confidential" under peer review process (HCQIA 1986, 42, U.S.C. Sec – 1102, et seq., and by Indiana Peer Review Act, Indiana Code Sec. 34-4-12.6-1, et seq. All privileges or the immunities of these statutes are claimed). The work and outcomes of the Nursing Pain Management Council is non-punitive in nature.

Reporting Structure

- The Nursing Pain Management Council will report to the CNO and the Clinical Council within the St. Francis Shared Governance Model.

Membership

- This will be registered nurses represented from all three campus locations: Indianapolis, Beech Grove and Mooresville.

Member expectations:

- Attend monthly meetings, attending a minimum of 80% of the meetings during a given year
- Relay and communicate information to individual nursing unit
- Complete assignments, readings, and review minutes
- Complete audits and submit data to the Chairperson
- Demonstrate professional characteristics in order to maintain objectivity and sensitivity to confidential information

Schedule/meeting frequency

- Council meeting will be monthly, on the fourth Thursday of the month for an hour. Additional meetings may be required or meeting length may be extended and will be called at the discretion at the leader of the Subgroup Agenda
- Agenda submissions can be made via email to the chair or through suggestion during meeting by active member. Input that is gathered from the multidisciplinary health care team is also shared and brought to the meeting and added to the agenda on an as needed basis.

Process/Measurable Outcomes

- **Develop, review, and revise nursing processes related to care of the patient, assessment, and interventions related to pain management**
- **Implement the standards of pain across the organization**
- **Provide resource to units for symptom management related to pain (PRN Nurse Training)**
- **Collect data associated with the assessment of pain, treatment of pain and the patient reported outcomes related to interventions**
- **Evaluate Patient Satisfaction Surveys as a metrics for pain management satisfaction**