

BRAZOS VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Policies and Procedures

Policy Subject/Title: Standards of Care and NP/PA Protocols
Applicability: All Brazos Valley Community Health Clinics
Purpose: To facilitate the delivery of quality healthcare by utilizing nationally recognized, evidence based patient care guidelines.

Policy: Medical care providers (MD, DO, NP, PA) at Brazos Valley Community Health Centers will utilize the appropriate ICSI Guidelines in the delivery of healthcare services.

Procedure:

1. ICSI Guidelines are available at the following website: www.icsi.org.
2. ICSI Guidelines will also be provided on each medical care provider's computer desk top as a reference source for medical decision making.
3. ICSI Guidelines contain specific information regarding the treatment and/or management of a significant number of health-related conditions faced by medical care providers at the Brazos Valley Community Health Centers which enable each document to stand as a protocol for midlevel providers. For conditions not covered by ICSI Guidelines, medical care providers should refer to their board-certifying medical academies. Midlevel providers should also consult with their supervising physician(s).
4. Medical care providers will be held accountable to only those portions of the ICSI Guidelines that pertain to ambulatory patient care.
5. Education and discussion of ICSI Guidelines will occur routinely at Medical Peer Review Subcommittee monthly meetings.
6. ICSI Guidelines will serve as the resource document for QA/QI monitoring of the medical staff.