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§484.75(b)(1) Ongoing interdisciplinary assessment of the patient;

Interpretive Guidelines §484.75(b)(1)

The term "interdisciplinary" refers to an approach to healthcare that includes a range of health service workers.

"Ongoing interdisciplinary assessment" is the continual involvement of all skilled professional staff involved in a patient's plan of care from the initial assessment through discharge, which should include periodic discussions among the team regarding the patient's health status and recommendations for the plan of care.

An interdisciplinary approach recognizes the contributions of various health care disciplines (MDs, RNs, LPN/LVN, PT, OT, SLP, MSW, HH aides) and their interactions with each other to meet the patient's needs.