

New General Inpatient (GIP) Hospice Workflow for Neuro, Medicine, and Oncology Services

Purpose: To communicate the updated GIP workflow for the involved services and units.

SITUATION:

A new GIP hospice workflow for neurology, medicine, and oncology service lines will go live in December 2022.

BACKGROUND:

GIP has been a program offered at SHC since 2016. However, during the COVID 19 pandemic, SHC’s number of GIP patients was greatly reduced. This beneficial program is currently being revamped.

ASSESSMENT:

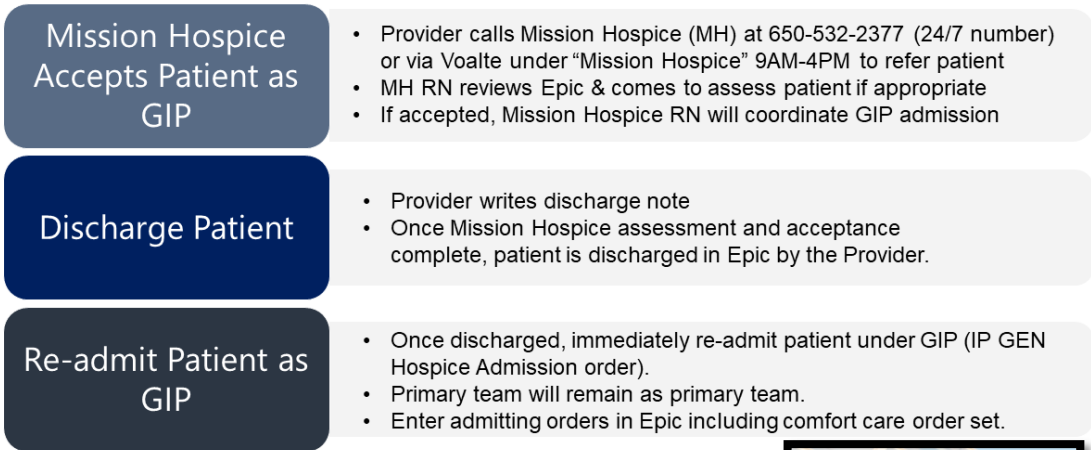
Hospice patients with uncontrolled symptoms enrolled in GIP receive an additional layer of support from the multidisciplinary Mission Hospice (MH) team, as well as one year of bereavement services for the patient’s family. An updated workflow was created to ensure a greater opportunity for qualifying patients to be enrolled in GIP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- GIP is a hospice service that is provided in an inpatient facility for the purpose of providing pain control or other acute symptom management that cannot be feasibly provided in another setting.
- Mission Hospice is SHC’s GIP hospice vendor. Mission RN(s) are onsite 5 days a week for 8 hours a day. They have full Epic access, can write Epic notes, and can be contacted through Voalte (search under “Mission Hospice”).
- The neurology/neurosurgery, medicine, oncology, hematology and BMT primary teams will now remain as the primary team for GIP patients, instead of being admitted under Palliative Care. Palliative Care can be consulted at will.

UPDATED WORKFLOW:

- After determining if a patient may be eligible for GIP hospice, the primary team should have a goals of care conversation that addresses potential eligibility for GIP. If the patient or family is interested, the provider or Case Manager can place a referral to Mission Hospice.



- Once enrolled in GIP, Mission Hospice will join daily multidisciplinary care rounds and provide recommendations and support. Mission also provides 1-year of bereavement support for the patient’s family.

