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SYNOPSIS

1. TITLE:

A study on medical record documentation in compliance with NABH 5th edition Guidelines.

2. INTRODUCTION:

A medical record includes a variety of "forms" entered over time by healthcare professionals, assessment of patient, investigations ordered and administration of drugs and therapies, test results, consent for procedure, pre and post operative management, etc. It is an important tool that helps ensure patient receive the best possible care. A medical record enables healthcare professionals to plan and evaluate a patient's treatment and ensures continuity of care among multiple providers through past medical history. The fundamental purpose of documentation is the standardization of actions across various departments and functional units in the organization. The NABH guidelines provide a framework for healthcare organizations to ensure that their medical record documentation processes adhere to best practices and meet established standards.

3. RESEARCH QUESTION:

- What are the current practices and levels of compliance with NABH 5th edition guidelines in medical record documentation within Apollo Hospitals, Bilaspur
- Whether the quality of MRD as per NABH guidelines?
- What are the gaps or deficiencies in the current documentation practices?

4. OBJECTIVES:

- Evaluate the existing medical record documentation practices to determine the level of compliance with NABH 5th edition guidelines.
- Assess the quality of MRD in case of accuracy, integrality, timeliness, and relevance, as per NABH standards.
- Identify any gaps or deficiencies in the current documentation practices that may exist in relation to NABH guidelines.
- To spotlight key findings and recommend actionable solutions, to enhance compliance with NABH guidelines and optimize medical record documentation practices.

5. **MATERIAL AND METHODS:**

STUDY DESIGN- The present study is descriptive in nature.

SETTING CRITERIA-

- **Inclusion criteria-** All In-Patient departments i.e. two general wards, semi-private ward, private ward and deluxe room.
- **Exclusion criteria-** ICU, HDU, Dialysis ward, Oncology ward.
- **Study tools-** Checklist

DURATION OF STUDY- April 2024-June 2024

SAMPLE SIZE- 500 samples were collected from every 5th file following systematic random sampling, from In-patients departments (as mentioned above) of the Hospital to find any non-compliance with NABH standards.

SAMPLING TECHNIQUE- Systematic random sampling

DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE- Google form using Hospital Records

6. **ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Ensure that patient confidentiality and privacy are maintained throughout the research process. Maintain transparency throughout the research process by clearly documenting methodologies, findings, and any limitations of the study.

7. **IMPLICATIONS OF RESEARCH:**

- Enhanced patient care and safety.
- Legal and Regulatory Compliance.
- Quality Improvement initiatives.
- Staff training and professional development.
- Risk management and liability reduction
- Organizational Performance and competitiveness

8. **REFERENCES:**

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