Inpatient Unit Sensory Plan

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The Inpatient Unit Sensory Plan can be used to develop a plan tailored to an individual in hospital.

• Sensory and Trauma triggers • Solutions for triggers • Sensory modulation coping strategies

Signs of Distress: (Please tick changes in behaviours that can indicate increased stress or agitation)

Crying out/shouting	Increased confusion	Grimacing/yawning/lip smacking
Speaking rudely/swearing	Clenching fists/jaw	Wandering (exits, other rooms)
Rocking or shaking	Head banging	Pacing/walking
Wringing hands	Bouncing legs	Activity refusal (ie self cares)
Grabbing at people	Waving arms	Throwing things

Known Triggers: What are some of the things that can trigger me to feel upset

Physical – sleep, pain, hunger, constipation	Not feeling safe
Times of the day – visitor leaving, bedtime	Distressing thoughts
Particular memories/associations –	Nightmares
Certain noises –	Ward routines
Contact with particular people	Not having control or input

Sensory Strategies to promote calm and reduce distress:

Strategy	When to use	How to use
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Completed by:

Name: Date: Name: Date:

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VISUAL:

Lamp					People moving past			Open Curtain			
Bright/intense lamp					Sunlight			Closed Curtain			
Plants/Nature					Photos			Phone			
Fluorescent light					Movie/TV			Bare walls (no clutter)			
Virtual Reality					Art			Reading			
Other visual input that	Other visual input that calms										
Other visual input I dis	like	ة									

SOUND:

Increased volume of					Lower volume of		Background white			
noise					noise		noise			
Lower volume					Guided relaxation		Echo in rooms			
Using earplugs					Whispering		Silence			
Using headphones					Singing/humming		Listening to music			
Other sounds that calm.										
Other sounds that I dis	like	!								

TASTE AND SMELL

Warm drink					Chewy foods			Chewing things (pens)		
Cold drink					Crunchy foods			Soaps		
Ice or slushy drink					Sucking through straw			Fragrance/perfume		
Chewing gum					Disinfectant			Smell of flowers		
Sour lolly					Citrus			Medication		
Other tastes or scents										
Other tastes or scents	th	at	l di	slike						

TOUCH AND MOVEMENT

Warm temperature						Squeezing something					Bı	rush/style hair			
Cold temperature						Weight on lap					St	retching			
Ice pack/cold washer						Blanket on lap					E	kercise			
Human touch						Limiting touch					Yo	oga			
Being by self						Tight clothing					G	ardening			
Other touch or movement that calms															
Other t I dislike															

Sensory sensitivities.

Some people are very sensitive to certain sensations. They are unable to tune these sensations out resulting in anxiety, or overwhelms.

Trauma

Some people have memories from their past that arise from certain sensations. This can create anxiety, fear and spacing out. Believe the person but do not ask for information about the trauma or memory as this can increase distress.

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