Optimizing the Nursing Admission History

**A Two-Step Process**

**Step 1:** Using Table 1, enter the components of current Nursing Admission History in the first column. Critically examine the content using the question in each column. Enter Yes or No for each question. Components with at least one YES response are the essential components for the Nursing Admission Assessment.

**Step 2:** Using Table 2, enter the essential components identified in Step 1 in the first column.

*Table 1. Assessing the Content of the Nursing Admission History*

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| Component | Used in patient care decisions? | Regulatory Requirement?\* | Evidence-Based? | Not documented elsewhere? | Best collected by a nurse? | Best collected at admission? |
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\* If YES to Regulatory Requirement, cite specific TJC standard or CMS condition of participation

*Table 2. Optimizing the Format of Nursing Admission History Content*

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| Component | Single Concept | Answer sets | Plain language | Revised component |
| Grammatically consistent | 12 or less options  | Not YES/NO | No jargon | No abbreviations | No brand names |
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