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The Attorney's Medical Record Review Checklist

20 Medical Record Red Flags Worth Investigating



1. RECORDS COMPLETENESS

- ☒ 1. Are EMS or pre-hospital records included?
- ☒ 2. Are all nursing notes and reassessment flowsheets present?
- ☒ 3. Are medication administration records complete?
- ☒ 4. Are outside facility or transfer records missing?
- ☒ 5. Are imaging reports, tracings, or monitor strips absent?



2. TIMELINE & SEQUENCE

- ☒ 6. Are there unexplained gaps in the timeline?
- ☒ 7. Are triage, arrival, provider evaluation, and disposition times clear?
- ☒ 8. Are order times, result times, and action times inconsistent?
- ☒ 9. Are there delays in reassessment, escalation, transfer, or treatment?
- ☒ 10. Are discharge and return-visit events clearly connected?



3. CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION SIGNALS

- ☒ 11. Were abnormal vital signs followed up and documented?
- ☒ 12. Are symptoms, mental status, pain, or deterioration trends inadequately documented?
- ☒ 13. Are provider notifications and responses clearly documented?
- ☒ 14. Are medication changes, held doses, or omitted treatments explained?
- ☒ 15. Are informed consent, operative, or procedure notes complete?



4. INTEGRITY & FOLLOW-UP

- ☒ 16. Are there late entries, addenda, or copied-forward notes?
- ☒ 17. Do different parts of the chart conflict with one another?
- ☒ 18. Are consultant notes, handoffs, or communication logs missing?
- ☒ 19. Are lab trends and repeat testing sequences complete?
- ☒ 20. Are follow-up instructions, pending tests, or unresolved findings documented?



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