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## 1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To provide guidelines on the appropriate use of single rooms for isolating patient suspected or confirmed with communicable diseases.

## 2. DEFINITIONS:

- 2.1 Standard Precautions: are precautions which are intended to be applied to the care of all patients in all healthcare setting regardless of the suspected or confirmed presence of an infectious agent.
- 2.2 Airborne Precautions is recommended for patients known or suspected to be infected with infectious agents transmitted person-to-person by the airborne route.
- 2.3 Droplet Precautions is recommended for patients known or suspected to be infected with pathogens transmitted by respiratory droplets (i.e., large-particle droplets in Size) that are generated by a patient who is coughing, sneezing or talking.
- 2.4 Contact Precautions is recommended for patients with known or suspected infections or evidence of syndromes that represent an increased risk for contact transmission.

## 3. POLICY:

- 3.1 Appropriate patient placement is an important component of isolation precautions, which are designed to do the following:
  - 3.1.1 Provide a physical barrier around the patient infected or colonized with epidemiologically significant microorganisms.
  - 3.1.2 Remind personnel and visitors to observe infection control measures.
- 3.2 Consult with the Infection Preventionist (IP) to verify proper patient placement as necessary.

## 4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 Single Rooms
  - 4.1.1 Use a single room with hand hygiene and toilet facilities for isolation purposes.
  - 4.1.2 Use a single room with negative pressure (airborne infectious isolation room (AIIR)) for airborne isolation precautions.
  - 4.1.3 Post the appropriate isolation sign on the door to indicate the isolation precaution(s) required.
  - 4.1.4 Place isolation carts with the necessary supplies outside the single room.
  - 4.1.5 Consult with IP to cohort patients with identical organisms/disease when there is a shortage of single rooms.
- 4.2 Indication for Single Room
  - 4.2.1 Refer to policy 032: A Quick Reference Guide to initiate isolation based on the type of suspected/diagnosed infection or infectious disease.
  - 4.2.2 Place the patient in a single room for the duration of infectivity of the patient.
  - 4.2.3 When a patient has poor hygienic habits and cannot comply with infection control practices, consult with IP.
- 4.3 Admission Process

- 4.3.1 The attending physician documents confirmed or suspected infectious status of patients that require isolation.
- 4.3.2 Admitting wards (OPD, ER) notify Infection Prevention & Control.
- 4.3.3 IP and the Admissions Department will confer to determine the need for a single room.
- 4.3.4 The receiving ward and admission office shall notify IP when a patient is placed in single-room isolation.
- 4.3.5 If a single room in an OFF-SERVICE ward is utilized, the Admissions Department shall transfer the patient to the appropriate service ward as soon as the required room becomes available.
- 4.3.6 The IP shall monitor the patient's progress and advise on rescreening and discontinuation of isolation.
- 4.3.7 The ward staff shall notify the Admissions Office when isolation is discontinued.

## **5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:**

- 5.1 **Forms and Records:**
  - 5.1.1 N/A
- 5.2 **Materials and Equipment**
  - 5.2.1 N/A

## **6. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- 6.1 Health Care Workers

## **7. APPENDICES:**

- 7.1 Infection Control Protocol for Use of Single Room for Isolation.

## **8. REFERENCES:**

- 8.1 Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) and Epidemiology, Inc. (2014). Chapter 29: Isolation precautions. In APIC Text of infection control and epidemiology (4th ed.).
- 8.2 GCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. <http://gdipc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/The-GCC-Infection-Prevention-and-ControlManual-3rd-Edition.pdf>



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