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Department:	Infection Prevention and Control Department		
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1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To provide guidelines on the process of initiating and discontinuing isolation precautions for patients with a confirmed or suspected infectious diseases that carries the risk of nosocomial transmission.

2. DEFINITONS:

- 2.1 An isolation room helps prevent direct or indirect contact transmission, droplet transmission or airborne transmission of infectious agents. An infected or colonised patient can contaminate the environment or have difficulty in maintaining infection control precautions.

3. POLICY:

- 3.1 Standard precautions must always be observed while delivering direct patient care.
3.2 Appropriate isolation signs must be placed on the doors as needed.
3.3 Patients requiring isolation precaution can be identified by laboratory results, physician diagnosis, or any existing flagging system.

4. PROCEDURE:

- 4.1 Physician
4.1.1 Identify patients with either a suspected or confirmed infectious diseases.
Where possible, this information should be available on the patient's chart upon admission or as soon as the infection becomes apparent.
- 4.2 Nurses
4.2.1 Confer with physician(s) regarding suspected/diagnosed infections
4.2.2 Notify Infection Preventionist (IP) for assistance regarding the type of isolation to be used.
4.2.3 Request the appropriate single room from the Admissions Office Bed Coordinator.
4.2.4 Place the patient in an appropriate room (some patients with the same type of infection can be cohorted upon IP's advice).
4.2.5 Place the appropriate isolation sign on the outside of the door of the patient's room
4.2.6 Ensure that the appropriate isolation precautions are maintained for the duration of the infectivity of the patient.
4.2.7 Fill out a Report of Communicable Diseases Form for all diagnosed cases of reportable diseases for the MOH.
4.2.8 Discontinue isolation in consultation with IP.
4.2.9 Notify the Admissions Office when isolation is discontinued.
4.2.10 Request housekeeping staff to carry out a terminal cleaning of the isolation room
4.2.11 Return reusable instruments to the department responsible for reprocessing used medical instruments and supplies.
4.2.12 Ensure cleaning and storage of other patient care items/equipment, as necessary
- 4.3 Infection Preventionist
4.3.1 Provide proper advice to nursing staff regarding the type of isolation.

- 4.3.2 Confer with the attending physician regarding the patient's clinical assessment.
- 4.3.3 Monitor the patient's infectious status and make recommendations on rescreening, maintaining, or discontinuing isolation.
- 4.3.4 Monitor HCWs' compliance with standard and isolation precautions and give consultations where necessary.

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 It is the responsibility of the infection prevention and control department to implement the policy.




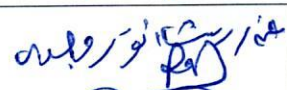
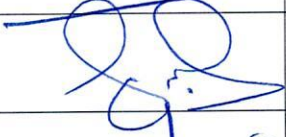


7. APPENDICES:

- 7.1 N/A

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