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PURPOSE:

To state the services offered by the Endoscopy Unit of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

LEVEL:

Physicians, Registered Nurse

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Endoscopy is a procedure where organs inside the body are looked into using an instrument called endoscope.

Endoscope is a long, thin, flexible tube that has a light and camera at one end. Images of the inside your body are shown on a television screen.

Enteroscopy is a procedure that uses a thin, flexible tube, attached with a camera, called an enteroscope, to examine the small bowel.

Flexible Sigmoidoscopy is an endoscopic procedure that allows the doctor to examine the rectum and lower colon

Gastroscopy is a procedure where a thin, flexible tube called an endoscope is used to look inside the esophagus (gullet), stomach and first part of the small intestine (duodenum). It's also sometimes referred to as an upper gastrointestinal endoscopy.

Colonoscopy is an exam used to detect changes or abnormalities in the large intestine (colon) and rectum. During a colonoscopy, a long, flexible tube (colonoscope) is inserted into the rectum. A tiny video camera at the tip of the tube allows the doctor to view the inside of the entire colon.



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Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) is an endoscopic procedure that allows your doctor to examine your esophagus, stomach and duodenum (part of your small intestine).

Proctoscopy (also called rigid sigmoidoscopy) is a procedure to examine the inside of the rectum and the anus.

SCOPE OF SERVICE:

The Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital (DPOTMH) Endoscopy Unit is composed of two (2) Endoscopy rooms that cater endoscopic procedures that are performed by skilled and excellent endoscopists and assisted by well-trained and proficient nurses. The unit is equipped with top-of-the-market quality scopes known for their acuity performance.

The Endoscopy Unit provides a comprehensive gastrointestinal endoscopy service with the use of flexible fiberoptics for direct visualization, and digitally enhanced examination of the gastrointestinal tract. The unit also serves an extensive line of diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic procedures which may be done either on an outpatient or an in-patient basis. The following are the procedures performed in the unit:

- 1. Endoscopy
- 2. Enteroscopy
- 3. Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- 4. Gastroscopy
- 5. Colonoscopy
- 6. Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD)
- 7. Proctoscopy

All gastrointestinal endoscopic procedures are done by Board-Certified Endoscopists.

After the procedure, the patient is taken care of by the Endoscopy-Post Anesthesia Care Unit staff. The Endo-PACU is a sub-unit of the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit that



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works hand in hand with the Endoscopy Unit to provide patients the care they need post-procedure. Post-anesthesia care is provided to allow the patients to safely transition to the inpatient setting, critical care unit or, to their home.

The regular working hours of the unit is 6 am to 4 pm, Mondays to Saturdays. However, an on-call staff will be ready to accommodate the staffing needs in cases of emergency during off-hours.



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