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PURPOSE:

- 1. To comply with Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2007-0041 Guidelines on the Mandatory Allocation of a Certain Percentage of the Authorized Bed Capacity as Charity Beds in Private Hospitals.
- 2. To designate each wardroom with a specific classification.
- 3. To ensure a gender and age-sensitive allocation of ward rooms and beds in accordance to patient's case.

LEVEL:

Resident Physicians, Registered Nurses, Nursing Attendants, Billing, and Admitting Section staff.

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Charity Bed- a hospital bed that is specifically and solely allocated for the confinement of indigent patients or patients classified as Class C or D patients as defined in Administrative Order No. 51-A s. 2000: Implementing Guidelines on Classification of Patients and on Availment of Medical Social Services in Government Hospitals, dated October 12, 2001.

Indigent Patient- a patient who is certified as indigent by a municipal social worker, in his/her absence, either the barangay chairman, municipal/ city health officer, medical social worker or chief of the nearest district, city or provincial hospital.

Private Hospital- a hospital that is privately owned established and operated with funds through donation, principal, investment, or other means, by any individual, corporation, association, or organization.



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POLICY:

- 1. As a requirement for licensure, all private hospitals, including Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital (DPOTMH) shall allocate not less than ten percent (10%) of its authorized bed capacity as charity beds.
- 2. Charity beds shall be devoted to:
 - 2.1. Patients who satisfy the criteria for Class C and D patients as defined in Administrative Order No. 51-A s. 2000: Implementing Guidelines on Classification of Patients and on Availment of Medical Social Services in Government Hospitals, dated October 12, 2001;
 - 2.2. Indigent patients
- 3. Patients that will be catered on this section are subject to screening and prequalification by the Admitting Section in coordination with the Medical Social Services.
- 4. In case of overflow, rooms may be converted according to the needs that may arise.
- 5. The following are the designation/ classification of the rooms:

Room/Ward Type	Classification of Patients	
Obstetric Ward	For pregnant and post-partum patients	
Gynecology Ward	For female patients with reproductive health cases	
Rooming-in Ward For post-partum patients and their new		
Ears, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Ward	For male/female patients with ENT cases	
Male Medical/ Surgical Ward (MMS)	For male medical and surgical cases	
Female Medical/ Surgical Ward (FMS)	For female medical and surgical cases	



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Orthopedic Ward	For female/male orthopedic cases	
Pediatric Ward	For pediatric patients	

REFERENCE:

Department of Health. (2007). *Guidelines on the Mandatory Allocation of a Certain Percentage of the Authorized Bed Capacity as Charity Beds in Private Hospitals*. DOH. https://hfsrb.doh.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/AO-2007-0041.pdf



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PURPOSE:

To discuss the processes involved in implementing the Allocation for Charity Beds policy.

SCOPE:

Applies to all Nursing Service Division, Admitting Section and Medical Social Services staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Staff Nurse, Admitting Clerk, Medical Social Worker

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Patient goes to the ER/OPD for initial health screening and assessment.
- If patient is for admission, the patient/ folks proceeds to the Admitting Section for initial interview and assessment.
- 3. If the patient belongs to the category discussed in policy statement 2, the Admitting Clerk refers the patient/folks to the Medical Social Worker for further assessment.
 - 3.1. Should the patient qualify for charity ward admission, the Medical Social Worker issues a referral slip to the patient/folks for presentation to Admitting Clerk.
- 4. Admitting Clerk processes the admission request and assigns a specific ward and bed number for the patient.



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KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	
1. Goes to the ER/OPD for initial health screening and assessment.	Dationt	
2. Proceeds to the Admitting Section for initial interview and assessment.	Patient	
3. Refers the patient/folks to the Medical Social Worker for further assessment.		
4. Processes the admission request and assigns a specific ward and bed number for the patient.	Admitting Clerk	

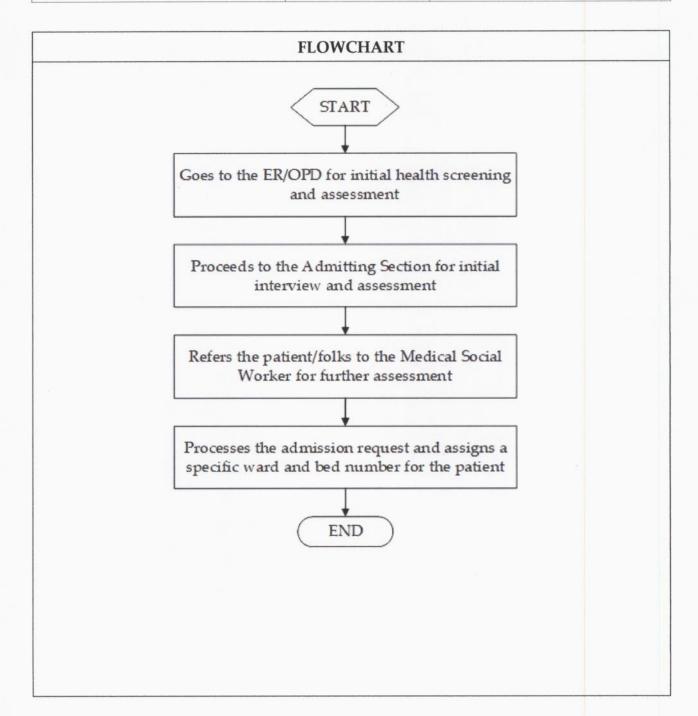


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