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PURPOSE:

To discuss the isolation procedures in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

SCOPE:

Applies to all Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Registered Nurses, Doctors, Family members, other Health Care workers visiting the NICU



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PROCEDURE:

- 1. Infants who are considered an infectious hazard to other infants in the nursery are placed in isolation.
 - 1.1. If required, a private room will be provided.
 - 1.2. Infants affected by the same contagious microorganism are cohorted.
- 2. The nursing staff is to remain in isolation for the entire shift whenever possible.
- 3. Physicians, nurses, family members and other personnel wash hands and wear gown, gloves and mask as indicated before handling a patient in isolation.
- 4. Whenever there is more than one baby, the physician and the nurse wash their hands and change gloves, and if applicable, change gowns between patients.
- 5. Separate equipment is used for each patient. If equipment cannot be dedicated, it is still disinfected after use.
- 6. Upon leaving the bedside of a baby in isolation, all gowns, gloves and mask are removed, discarded and hand washed.

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